INDIAN REMOVAL TO THE WEST, 1832–1840

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR - 1832 A-C Cherokee

Major Hook is
requested to state
what additional
duties there are which
require this and
the within named
officers.

[illegible]

Major 7 Colonels
Genl. Staff
Aug. 24th 1839
Headquarters
Baltimore District
Baltimore Md.

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Referred by
Genl Macomb
Aug 24

Sir,

Topographical Bureau
August 24th 1832

In conversation with Major Stook, he has stated to me, that it would much facilitate the operations of the Subsistence Department at this moment in its duties of removing the Indians, to obtain the services of an officer, for about two months, to be charged with some minced transactions in the Cherokee country, and finding that Lt. Dancy now on Topl duty could be spared for that period, and that he would be very acceptable to the Subsistence Department, I have the honor to submit to your approbation, that I may be authorized to order Lt Dancy to report to the Subsistence Department for the duty above stated, after which he will again report to this Bureau

Lt. Dancy, is a Lt of Artillery on Topl Duty, and my opinion is, that I have not the power to order him to report as above stated, without your approbation, which is now respectfully solicited.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully Sir,
Your Obt Servt
J. J. Abert
Colonel. T.E.

Major Genl. A. Macomb
Comdr. in Chief, U.S.A

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Benj F. Curry

Aug 4 1832

Afd 16. May. 1832.

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Extract.

Hightower Pa. Aug. 4. 32

"Several families, who enrolled during last Spring, will be ready to remove west, as early as the middle of Sept. or first of Octr. next. Their wish is to remove themselves by land, taking an advance equal to the expense attending the transportation & subsistence of the late emigrants by the Government, which was between 15 & 20$ per head.

The Department will therefore please to furnish Col. Montgomery, Indian Agent, with funds, or order out an Agent of Removal & Subsistence, with instructions to meet the expected emergency."

Signed / Benj. F. Currey.

Off. Inds. Affs. Aug. 16. 32. } Respectfully referred to the Acting Commy. General of Subsistence. by order of the Actg Secy of War.

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Emig. Cherokee
Maj. Curry
Cherokee Agency
July 23. 1832

Ask if it would not be well to authorize the appraisement of Indian stock &c.

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Rec'd Aug 16

Extract

Cherokee Agency July 23. '32

"Should a treaty not be speedily entered into, would it not be well to authorise the appraisement of the Indian stock, where they cannot make sale of it, in time to set out with the first expedition after their enrollment. Heretofore their stock was sold for improvements, which were valued & placed to the credit of the emigrants. But since the law for occupying the country took effect, the Indian occupant has no right to sell, unless it be to the State or General Government. He has therefore to sell his stock at very low prices or on a credit. If on a credit, he would lose all in most cases. If for cash, at a considerable sacrifice. Should there be no terms entered into for a treaty here, there will no doubt be a considerable emigration during the next winter & spring. In the fall, those who can move themselves & wish to go west, will set out by land. Many talk of taking an advance equal to the expense, & removing by wagon in the fall."

The above extract of a letter of Major Currey is respectfully referred to the Acting Commissary

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General of Subsistence, by direction of the Acting Secretary of War, with the remark, that in his instructions Maj. C. was required to report whether the Cherokees would have more stock to dispose of than would be needed for provisions, & his answer was, probably not.

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P. A. Carnes

Fort Smith

3 Sept 1832

Sir

Capt. Hoe has this day received two notices of the non payment of two Drafts drawn by Capt. Gatlin

Respectfully

P. A. Carnes

Capt. Thos. H. Cooper

Adjt. Genl.

Adjt. Genl. Office

Adjt. 16. Oct. '33

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Fort Smith Sept. 3d 1832

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

Sir

I have this day rec.d Five notices for the non-payment of five drafts drawn by Capt. George Vashon Agent Choctaws West

I regret that so much difficulty shd. occur in regard to the payment of drafts drawn by your Agents, relying fully on the government we have at all times furnished our means fearlessly to meet the views of as well as the interest of the government.

On the arrival of the late emigration under Mr. Guy the Agent deemed it his duty to furnish the emigrating Commissaries thirty at $2.50 for each emigrating year's rations and draw his drafts, on the Secretary of War; those drafts were cashed by the Merchants, and many of them have been sent on for payment which will be returned, with damages & cost to the, as well as the inconvenience in raising the money the second time to take them up, my letter to you on

the subject of the rations furnished Cherokee emigrants and their families, stating the refusal of the Agent to draw for the arrears of the Cherokee families, I presume has been received, and an answer expected by due course of mail. I have rec'd a letter from Capt Vashon informing me that his functions had ceased and the Dept disapproved of his drawing any more Dr f G, and refers me to Lt Lowell. I have written to that gentleman and I have rec'd from him the following answer

Your note of the 28th

is received = all that I can do now is to say to you that as soon as you can obtain authority to call on me for the amt of your claim for rations furnished the late emigrants, it shall be paid you

W. Lowell
Lt U.S. Army
disbursing agent for the
Cherokees, West

I will here remark with such agents as those I would like to be informed where and from whom we are to receive our money. You stated to me when I had the pleasure last winter to converse with you that if the agent

5 expected to do the duty of his office and refused
to assume the responsibility, you would find
one that would discharge the duty of his
office, and we are known placed in a
Situation after advancing our money to
have the Drafts returned, to the Act that
drew them and he informs us that we
has been appointed to do the duty that
he had all ready done, and whom we call
on ? Sewell you See his answer, it
4 pleased to give them directions for us
to receive our money as early as it will
suite your Convenience

Yours
Respectfully
Peter A Carns

P.S. the Drafts that we have passed drawn by
Capt George Vashon in to the hands of others
amount to from $4000, we shall have to pay
the damages and Cost on

Peter A Carns

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Cowansville Sep 24. '82
From James Cowan
wishes to contract for the
removal of the Cherokees

James Cowan PM
Cowansville In Free

Hon. Lewis Cass
Washington City
D. C.

Office 12 1832

Affidavit to establish
the interest of the
claimant.

Referred by Sec of War Rec Octr 13th

Covansville
Tha County
24th Septr 1832

Sir

inasmuch as emigration has stopt as to the Cherokees, and as there is about four hundred remaining yet to be transported and believing it may not be thought expedient, to forward a Contractor for so small a business.
I have thought proper, to make the following proposals - I will furnish the emigrating Indians while lying at the Agency and for their outfit for Arkansas at Eight Cents pr ration, and will deliver them at the Agency or at any place it may be necessary between said Agency and the Junction of Hurapee and Tennessee Rivers, a distance of Twenty Miles -
It will be proper to add that no funds will be required untill the rations is delivered -
Should the Hon. Secretary at War accede to the proposal I will execute my Bond with Col Montgomery Cherokee Agent or with Maj Curry Superintendent of emigration, and will give such security as the shall approve of

I have the Honor to be
with great Respect
Your hmble Serv.
James Carran

Hon Lewis Cass
Secretary at War

P.S. Should any thing take place to augment the number of emigrants I will continue to supply as above proposed
J. C.

Corresp / 33 Cherokees

Peter Harris

Fort Smith C

4th Sept 1832

Relative to Rations

furnished the Cherokees

under Major Currey

Fort Gibson Sept 4th 1832

Sir

I have the honor to

Inform you that the Cherokees

Belonging to the Western Dis

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Fort Smith Sept. 4th 1832

Rec'd. 8 Oct

General George Gibson
Comy General Subs.

Sir

I have this day written to the Hon Lewis Cass Secty of War on the subject of the payment of money due Duval & Harris for the furnishing of the late Cherokee Emigrants under Maj Curry. Capt George Vashon Cherokee Agent, on the arrival of the Emigrants under Maj Curry, considered it his duty as there was no person appointed from your Dept. to furnish the Emigrants by Contracting their yearly rations at $32.50 he drew his drafts for all except the negroes belonging to the Cherokee families alledging that Maj Curry's opinion was that those negroes was not entitled to one years rations. Duval & Harris had furnished the Cherokees & their families, with their yearly rations including the blacks, the amt furnished by D & Harris is rising $7000 - and we have been notified that the Drafts drawn by Capt George Vashon has been protested for non payment by

the Hon Secretary approve. Those Drafts will be returned and Duval & Harris will have to take them up with damages & Costs. Capt Rankin notified Duval & Harris that his functions had ceased and that Stanwell had been appointed to settle the drawing of his accounts to the rations furnished the Emigrants under Mr Carey presuming from the information that Mr Stanwell was prepared to liquidate those Claims Duval & Harris addressed him a Letter asking him whether he was prepared to pay those Claims — and have in his answer

Your note of the 28th ult is received & all that I can do now is to say to you that as soon as you obtain authority to call on me for the amount of your Claims for rations furnished the late Emigration it shall be paid you

W Stanwell
Lt U S Army
disbursing Agent for
the Cherokees.

presuming from this letter we have no other person to apply to save your Sec'y of War to give Lt Stanwell this authority if he has not already received it. It would be strange in the usual mode of the Dept to send an agent unauthorized

to supply some 4000 or 500 hundred Emigrants and more singular after the Emigrants was shipped applied for the Office to say that the parties supplying must obtain authority to Cole on the H. Seawell and when they obtained he will pay. be pleased to examine the Letter I have written to the Secretary of war and if you can grant us any relief by directing the money to be paid for those Claims you will confer a favour on Many interested who has advanced there money freely to the views of the government in furnishing those Emigrants after their arrival in this Country would have been truly distressing to have left them to starve having their being no Agent but heard from your Dept. H. Seawell did not arrive untill some three months after the Emigrants.

I Will Respectfully

Peter Harris

Consid

Carry 134 Cherokee

Ben. F. Curry

Cherokee Agency Ark.

29th Sept. 1832

Speaks of Indian stock.

Lt. Dancy has arrived.

Doubts whether whites & Negroes are entitled to the years allowance &c

Cherokee Agency East Sept 29 1832
Rec'd 17 Oct 32

Maj J A Nook
Acting Commissary Genl of Subsistence

Sir,

In order to afford satisfactory reasons for the appar inconsistency in my several communications on the subject of stock, extracts of which are furnished in a communication from you under date of Aug 28 1832, it will be necessary to look to the character of Indians – their liability to be operated on by surrounding circumstances and their diversity of sentiments and actions under similar circumstances,

On opening the enrolling business in Ga last fall, but few white people were to be found, ~~and~~ what is called Cherokee County, at this time: And they were generally refugees from justice or had come into the country to get a living by stealing & robery. At this time there is at least five hundred families half of whom are honest, where they have white people to deal with. But in their dealings with Indians who are not allowed to be a party to a suit nor entitled to the benefits of an oath in courts of justice, they mostly take all advantages allowed by the Law. Consequently although the Indian finds a market at his own door for his stock, he cannot sell for cash, and to sell on a credit is equal to giving it away. Whilst if the Govt could take stock on the terms proposed in the late project intended to form the basis of a Treaty it would only increase the labour of its officers a little – the Indians would have a safe guarantee for the payment and the Govt in disposing of this stock ~~again~~ could coerce the payment if sold on a credit. And again I had since my return travelled over all the Cherokee Country in Georgia, & visited most of the families, and was well aduised that when the Indians became satisfied the Gov of Georgia would have their lands granted, after being drawn for, as well as of the reelection of the present President, there would be a general thirst for emigration; and their anxiety to get off so great they would scarcely stay to have their improvements valued, much less to dispose of ~~the~~ stock to their white neighbors at any price. To take only such stock as would do for rations would afford no relief and since I have been referred to the articles of the Treaty under its provisions no more can be done by your Department. One year ago had stock been taken even those who had it valued in some instances would have connived with that class of whites who lived by plunder to run it off; or to prevent these abuses a guard of honest men would have been required whose pay & expenses would have far exceeded the value of that description of property

Commissioners appointed by the Genl Govern

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d authorized to treat with the heads of families - with neighboods Districts or with the whole nation as circumstances might appear to justify would be of infinite service in settling these perplexing difficulties

Lieut Dancy has arrived & reported himself for duty. Since the suspension of the enrolling business it is very uncertain what number of those who have enrolled will go westwardly because most of them expected their relations to go along who are now cut off from that privilege & where they have not valuable improvements would sooner secrete themselves in the mountains & hills than be seperated from their Kin by a distance of six or seven hundred miles

The number of Cherokees who were transported last Winter & Spring and were entitled to their years rations is Six Hundred & twenty eight

I had my doubts whether white people & negroes were subjects of Govt munificence so far as to entitle them to the years allowance and ordered Capt Vashon not to issue to them until the Department could be consulted Capt Vashon ought to have stated the affair in this way being disposed to do me justice

The cheapest way of getting the Indians to Arkansas would be to advance here and let them transport themselves on the route where they can be entrusted with the management of a party

The next cheapest is to embark them on Board of Flat Bottom Boats until they reach the foot of the Shoals and there take Steam The Flat Transportation would average $1.50 & S.B. $7.00 per head making from One Agency to the other $8.50 per head besides rations But the Arkansas River is difficult of navigation & very much subject to sudden rises & falls and the cost would vary according to favorable or unfavorable tides

Corn in some parts of the Cherokee Country, west is to be had at 25¢ per Bushel at any season of the year whilst it sells at 50¢ in other parts

Average price of Flour from Six to 8 Dollars per Barrel. Pork from $3 to 4$ & Beef from 2 to 2½ ¢ per lb

I Have the Honor to be

Most Respectfully

Your Very Obt Servt

Ben F. Curry

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Cherokee

Ben. F. Curry
Cherokee Agency
Nov. 29. 1832

Lt. Dancy is about to return — another disbursing agt. is therefore needed
speaks of his being charged at Treasury with $1700 &c.

Wm Wallington
Cty

Commons Clerk of Chickasaws

Recd
Jan 1832

Ans

Cherokee Agency Nov 29 1832

Commissary Genl of Subsistence Recd 17 Mar

Sir

In removing the remaining enrolled Cherokees for whom transportation & subsistence the faith of the Govt stands pledged it will be necessary to have an agent here charged with funds as speedily as possible

The number who will insist on being removed may be computed at One hundred & fifty It is my ardent wish they may receive the commutation allowance by your Department yet it may not be in my power to effect this arrangement In the event of a failure some person will necessarily have to escort the detachment. This I can do myself if required but I would prefer that it should be attended to by whomsoever may be selected to disburse funds for their removal & subsistence

Lieut F L Dancys funds will be exhausted in a few days when he informs me he will leave this service for the east — hence the necessity of designating some other person speedily

I stand charged at the Treasury with One thousand Seven Dollars transmitted by order of the Secy of War for purposes which had been answered by Lieut Dancy before the arrival of the Draft After the funds in his hands are disbursed On the arrival of other Cherokees wishing to receive a commutation & go on without delay if before the arrival of another agent from your Department would the emergency justify me in paying out the same for that purpose taking necessary receipts therefor

I am very much in hopes that all the Cherokees enrolled & who intend going will be ready to leave here

by the 1st week in January after which unless directed to accompany them in person I calculate on visiting the city and will take great pleasure whilst there in imparting any information not already communicated of which I may be possessed relative to Indian removals when should my services be no longer needed it is my wish to settle my accounts & resign Cherishing towards the department senti ments of high consideration

I have the honor to be

Most Respectfully

Your very Obt Servt

Ben. F. Currey Supt

Cherokee Emigration

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Abstract of Disbursements for the Quarter ending the 31st of Decr. 1822.

F. L. Haney

Note. This abstract accompanies the accounts, because it contains the Superintendent's approval, agreeable to Regulations — But the Contingencies & Transportation being blended I have separated them & put them in other abstracts —

F. L. H.

ABSTRACT OF DISBURSEMENTS for Transportation &c. by F. L. Dancy disbursing Agent of the United States for the [redacted] of INDIANS, in the Quarter ending the 31st day of December 1832

Dates	Number of Voucher	To Whom Paid.		For what Paid.	Amount Dolls.	Cents	Remarks.
1832 Sept. 29th	1	John Vance	J	Commutation of Transportation &c to West of the Mississippi	108	00	
Sept. 29th	2	H. Montgomery		For Services of Interpreter. (by Wm Davis Interpreter)	7	75	Amount paid by Col. Montgomery to Mr Davis.
Do — Do.	3	B. F. Currey		Compensation as superintending agent in the removal of the Cherokees.	1000	00	
October 1st	4	Eli Hicks		For Services as Interpreter	21	00	Employed by Mr. Currey Supt Agent.
Oct. 3d	5	John Miller		For Services as Interpreter, Horse-hire &c	23	75	Employed by Mr. Currey Supt Agent
Do — 10th	6	John Hardwick		Building Cabins for Emigrants	128	00	Whilst at the agency in the spring of 1832.
Do — 25th	7	William Hardin		Compensation as Enrolling Agent	644	00	
Do — 25th	8	William Hardin		For services of Interpreter	36	12½	Employed by Wm Hardin Enrolling Agent
Do — 25th	9	William Hardin		For Subsistence of Interpreter	6	62½	
Do — 26th	10	Martin Miller	J	For commutation of Transportation to West of the Mississippi	54	00	$234.00
		James Love		Do — Do — Do — Do	144	00	
		S. Smith		Do — Do — Do — Do	36	00	
Do — 26th	11	Warm-Water		Do — Do — Do — Do	18	00	
Oct. 27th	12	Daniel Love		Do — Do — Do — Do	198	00	
Novem. 7th	13	F. L. Dancy		For Transportation from Washington D.C. to Cherokee Agency Ex	58	50	
Do 12th	14	H. Montgomery		For Services rendered by Thos Cordery	30	00	Moving of Emigrants to the Agency &c
Do — 13th	15	Edward Tucker	J	For Commutation of Transportation to the West of the Mississippi	126	00	$360.00
		Terrel Hinson		Do — Do — Do	144	00	
Do — 13th	15	David Tucker		Do — Do — Do	54	00	
		Thomson Tucker		Do — Do — Do	18	00	
		Aleph Wilson		Do — Do — Do	18	00	
Nov. 14th	16	Margaret Langley		Do — Do — Do	54	00	
Do 14th	17	Michael C. Wood		Do — Do — Do	54	00	
Do — Do	18	Benjamin Brackett		Do — Do — Do	54	00	
Do — Do	19	Abraham Wood	J. W.	Do — Do — Do	108	00	
Do Do	20	Uriah Hubbard		Do — Do — Do	216	00	
Nov. 20th	21	Reuben Daniel		Do — Do — Do	270	00	
Do — Do	22	William A. Coleman		Do — Do — Do	90	00	
Do — Do	23	John Langley		Do — Do — Do	306	00	
Do — Do.	24	Lock Langley		Do — Do — Do	108	00	
Do — 29th	25	Jacob M. Scudder	H.	Compensation as Enrolling agent for the Cherokees	268	00	
Do — 29	26	Jacob M. Scudder		Do Compensation as clerk for Indian improvements	16	44½	
Do — Do	27	James C. Montgomery		Compensation as clerk of Board and for Indian Improvements	210	00	
				Total	4628	69½	

I certify that the Above Abstract is correct having examined it with the vouchers for Four Thousand six hundred & twenty eight Dollars sixty nine & one fourth Cents

Signed Duplicate

Nov 30th 1832

Ben F. Currey Supt
Chr. Emigration

I certify on Honor that the above abstract is just & true

Signed Duplicate

F. L. Dancy
Dis. & Disb. agent

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR - 1831 C-M Cherokee

Lewis Cass,
Secy of War
Sept. 3. 1831.

Upon the subject of the removal of the ~~Creek~~ Cherokee indians who live within the Chartered limits of Georgia. Stating that Benj. F. Curry was appt.d a Superint.d to direct all the operations. – He has been instructed to report, – The G. G. I. will appt. an officer of the Army to meet the requisition of the Superint.d for provisions &c

Rec.d Sept. 3rd

Department of War
September 3.d 1831.

Sir,

It is the desire of the President to effect the removal of such of the Cherokees, living within the chartered limits of Georgia, as may be willing to accept the provisions of the Treaty concluded May 6th 1828 with the Cherokees west of the Mississippi, and to join their countrymen in that region. Benjamin F. Curry Esq. of Mt. Meimsville, Tennessee has been appointed Superintendent, to direct all the operations connected with this affair, and has been instructed to repair to the Cherokee Country, and to commence initiatory measures, and make a special report to this Department of all the circumstances necessary to be known. The expenditures for the subsistence and transportation of these Indians will be made through your office, and for this purpose an Officer of the Army, to be selected by you, will be ordered to the Cherokee Country. You will give him such directions as may appear to be necessary for the correct discharge of

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Genl. Lewis Cass,

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his duties. His purchases and issues will be made upon the requisitions of the Superintendent, and he will obey the instructions of that officer, so far as the same may be within the sphere of the duties prescribed. His compensation will be the same as that allowed to Captain Clarke, and you will advise him of the manner in which he can receive funds. As it is not expected, that any final measures for the immediate removal of the Indians will be taken, until a special report is received from Mr. Curry, it is not deemed necessary to appoint at present any assistants to aid your officer in the performance of his duties. These however, will no doubt be required, and will not be withheld. Upon this subject, as well as upon every other, connected with the general measure, I will thank you to call for full and frequent reports, that this Department may have constant information of the progress and prospect of the whole operation.

Very respectfully.
Lewis Cass.

Gene
George Gibson
Comsy Gene of Subsistence.

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Extract of a letter from the Secretary of War to Benj^a. F. Curry Esq: appointing him Superintendent for the Removal of Cherokees,

dated 1st Septr 1831.

"You are hereby appointed Superintendent for the removal of such of the Cherokees within the Chartered limits of Georgia, as may be willing to accept the terms offered by the Treaty of May 6th 1828, with the Cherokees West of the Mississippi, and who are prepared to migrate to the Country beyond that River.

Your Compensation be at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, while employed, to include all your expenses. If you accept, you will please to proceed immediately to the execution of the duties assigned to you, notifying this Department of such acceptance. Should you decline, I will thank you to give me the earliest notice of your determination."

Enc. 2 Cherokee

Capt. W. L. M. McClintock

Fort Preble Sept. 12. 1831.

Is willing to accept the agency offered him

To

Maj. Jas. H. Hook

Commissary of Subs.

Washington

D.C.

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Recd 15 Sept.

Fort Pickle
Sept. 12. 1831

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 6th Inst. has been received, and I have determined to accept the agency you offer me.— As the duties required of me do not appear to be of a military nature, I conceive that I can perform them with propriety, under the direction of a Citizen.— Many thanks to Gen Gibson and yourself for remembering on this occasion

Your old friend
Wm L McClintock

P.S. I should like to know, when I receive the order, about what time I shall be expected to arrive at Wash^n.

Maj^r J. H. Hook
Mr. S. Lewis

Examing 4 Cherokees

Capt W. L. McClintock
Knoxville Dec 7. 1831.
Arrived on the 8th. goes
immediately to the agency

W. L. McClintock
Knoxville Dec 7 1831

Capt. Gen. Geo. Gibson
Lieut. Gen. of the Army
Washington
D.C.

Dec 12

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Rec.d 10th Dec.

Knoxville Dec. 7. 1831

Sir,

I arrived here on the night of the 5th Inst. after a very fatiguing journey, having been detained two days on the road, by fatigue and indisposition, and shall take the stage tomorrow morning for Athens.–

I have no prospect of obtaining funds at this place because there are none here.– There are some obstructions in the operations of the Bank and the Cashier will not take the responsibility of negotiating with me.– Mr. Morgan, a merchant, would readily accept my draft but has no money except Southern, which goes at a discount both here and at the Agency.– He was good enough to apply to the other merchants, but without success.– I shall go immediately to the Agency, where I understand Mr. Curry now is, and try to obtain money in that neighbourhood, but it is probable

[illegible]

sum be immediately required.–

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obed.t Servt.
W.m C. Christock
Agt. in Removing Sick
of Cherokees

Gen. George Gibson
Commiss.y Gen. of Subsistence

P.S. — I have just been informed by Mr. Carey that he shall require Transportation and Subsistence, so soon as he shall have enrolled a body of 400 emigrants, over and above those who may convey themselves by their own means, and estimates the 15th or 20th January next as the probable time when the movement will commence. I must therefore request the earliest instructions from you on this subject, and to be informed under what emergencies, if any, I may be allowed to procure supplies without waiting the process of proposals. [illegible] transits through this country are difficult and slow by the expedition will [illegible] communication from him after he shall have recommenced enrolling before I advertise. — The appraisers are going out with him, and he thinks their proceedings will produce a sensation favorable to enrollment, and expedite the completion of the desired number. —

Respectfully

W. W. Chittick
Agt P. & S. Chev.

Wm. Chittick
Agt
Chevenne
Dec. 16. 1851.

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Dec. 28th

Calhoun Tennessee
December 16, 1831

Sir

I arrived at this place on the 10th Instant.— On the 12th I saw Mr. Currey Superintendent of Emigration, on his return, to the Agency, from the interiour of the Cherokee Nation, and should have made this communication sooner had there been any departure of the whole before that.

I presented my instructions from you, to Mr. Currey and notified him that I was ready to enter upon the duties assigned me. I conversed with him generally upon the present progress and future prospects of the emigration, and will now give you all the information I have been able to gain from him and other sources likely to aid you in directing the conduct of my department of this service.—

The number enrolled, at present, Mr. Currey informs me, is about 300— of whom probably about one third will accept the commutation fixed by him and undertake to convey themselves at their own expense— These will be prepared to depart in the course of this Month.— I have commenced paying them the amount of their commutation money.— He wishes to collect a body of 500 Emigrants before he requires a Steam boat.— The number now enrolled for this mode of conveyance may be estimated at 160 to 180.— He is taking measures to overcome obstacles, and hopes to have an expedition prepared in the course of the winter.— Every thing

that is possible may be expected from his zeal and perseverance, and something from the ~~acci~~ incidental aids which he calculates upon; but the obstacles, at present, appear to be great.- The opposition to enrollment is extensive and powerful in the Nation - the persecution of the enrolled violent beyond any thing of the kind to be found in civilized society - Their attachment to their homes greater than I would suppose to be natural - probably increased by the desire aimed to remove them - the delay of payment for their improvements and some vague expectations of relief from Congress during the present Session.- Some Indians who have lately visited the country assigned to the Cherokees, do not give so flattering accounts of it as might be wished. They say that too much of it is poor prairie, and not sufficient arable to support the whole nation.-

From these hints you may be able to judge of the probabilities of an expedition starting this winter, and direct me if any measures are to be taken in anticipation, to supply it.-

Abundance of provisions are to be obtained on the borders of the upper Tennessee and Holston. The Superintendent will require pork and flour with a small proportion of Corn, and their delivery at this place.-

All kinds of transportation will be procured without difficulty. Wagons, $2,50 to $3 per day - Flat boats, $50 to 60 a piece.- There are sixteen of these now at this place belonging to the Government.- Each will carry 25 emigrants with their baggage.- On the subject of Steamboats, several letters had been addressed to Mr. Linney from Tuscumbia, at the foot of the Shoals and Nashville, before my arrival, which he has submitted to me.- Of these the

most favourable offer is to Charter a Steam boat for $125 per day — which, with the expense of two Keel boats to serve as lighters, indispensable I am told, on the Arkansas, will cost the Government $150 to 160 per day. — It will carry 500 emigrants and their baggage. — A cheaper and and better mode of engaging a boat transportation, is my opinion is offered in the proposals which I enclose with this, made by a gentleman who came here for the purpose, and is, I am assured by Mr. Cuny and Col. Williams, Sub Agent, amply qualified in every respect to fulfill punctually any engagement he may make. —

The method adopted by the Agent of procuring funds, sending for them to the bank at Nashville, by a confidential messenger, employed by him for that purpose. — I trust that this precedent will justify me, and shall send for mine in the same manner. — Meantime I have obtained the loan of $1000 from a merchant of this town and can draw more from him if necessary for the current demands of emigrants accepting the commutation, — the only kind of disbursement yet called for.

The Superintendent has fixed the commutation of Transportation and Subsistence at $15 for each emigrant, and for each horse $6, 50. — ~~Request~~ special instructions to guide me in making advances of money. —

As I propose to anticipate the first expedition, according to your desire expressed to me at Washington, I think it inexpedient to purchase a horse before its accomplishment, as I have not sufficient use for one to justify the expense. —

I am Sir, respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. L. M. C. Chitock
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F. L. Dancy

Sept. 24th 1832

Reports his arrival at the Cherokee Agency &c &c.

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The Commissary General of Subsistence

Washington D.C.

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Rec'd Oct 10th

Cherokee Agency
Sept. 24th 1832.

To the Commissary Genl. of Subsistence,

Sir, I have the honor to announce my arrival at this place on the 23d instant, having had a much longer journey than I had anticipated; owing to the necessity I was under on leaving the City, of proceeding by way of Norfolk Va. in quest of my Trunk, which had been forwarded to me, and which had been stopped in Norfolk, for want of a conveyance. I then proceeded thro' North Carolina, via Raleigh, Salem, Wilkesboro'&c. to Jonesboro' & Knoxville, Tennessee, to this place, having been detained several days on the road in consequence of the Stages failing to meet with each other properly.

On my arrival I found the Enrolling Agent Mr. Curry, was absent in Georgia, and I have to day met with an opportunity of forwarding a letter to him, informing him of my arrival and its object — and requesting him to return to this

place as soon as the nature of his engagements will admit, in order that I may proceed with as little delay as possible in the execution of the objects of my mission.

There is to be a council of the Cherokees held about 20 miles from this place, on the 10th of next month, which it is thought will be largely attended.

I have been informed by Mr. Montgomery that the last time he had heard from Mr. Curry he had at that time only succeeded in enrolling about 300 or a little upwards. only a part of whom had agreed to take the Commutation, expecting that the Government would provide, ways & means for their removal. My instructions have referred merely to the former. I have been here so short a time, that nothing of any importance has come under my observation worthy the attention of the Department.

I must request the Department to forward me orders relative to my return to the ~~Capital~~ soon as convenient for it to do so. I make this request in anticipation of the early completion of the duties for which I was expressly sent out to attend to. And in consequence of there being nothing said in my instructions in relation thereto. And owing to the great length of time, requisite for receiving communications

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communications from the city at this place, — and the necessity of my rejoining, the Topl. Party, to which I belonged in time to compleat the drawings to accompany the report.

Hoping these things will all meet your approbation, and find you in the enjoyment of good health,

I have the honor to be very truly
Your obt. Servt.

L. L. Dancy
2nd Lieut. 2nd Artillery
Asst. Agent to Cherokees

P. S. The Department will please inform me, whether my allowances for fuel & Quarters, are to be taken from the funds in my possession or not — and by what rule they are to be commuted by — I presume however, by the rule prescribed by the Army Regns. — and whether my voucher alone will be sufficient authority.

L. L. Dancy
U. S. Army

To
Hon. Geo. Gibson,
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Believing it to be our duty to keep the Dept. informed of every thing by which the interest of the Government may be promoted, I have made the above statements and hope you will make due allowances for all errors &c.

I have the honor to be very respectfully &c

S. L. Rancy
U. S. Arrgr
Desb. Agent for
Cherokees

Office Cherokee
U. S. Agency
Chattooga County
26th Oct 1832

Sir

I have at length made out the annexed statement of the expenditures by us on the Cherokee Emigration

Our instructions give a detailed
Item & length &c

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Rec.d 6 Nov

Cherokee Agency East.
Oct.r 26th 1832.

To the Commissary Genl of Subsistence,

Sir, I take this occasion to give you a succinct account of the passing events of this region as far as my opportunities of gaining information will admit.

In relation to my immediate duties here, nothing of any moment has taken place, and I am under the necessity of informing you, that the enrolled emigrants, are very dilatory in their movements, as but one family have as [redacted] pearance at this place, and it extremely uncertain at what time they will be ready to remove. The Superintending Agent has been out on the Georgia side for the last three weeks, endeavoring to hurry them up, and he has sent word that there would be a party consisting of fifty or upwards at the Agency on the 18th inst. but it is now the 26th and they have not arrived yet. This is the only body that will probably remove before the first of January. There will be but a small number who will start before the opening of spring when they will proceed by water. So soon as the Sup. Agent returns from his present trip, I shall be able to ascertain more exactly the time, the Emigrants propose to start. As he will visit them all before he returns, for the express purpose of ascertaining that points.

I will now give you an account of the proceedings of the Cherokee Council, now in session, and which commenced its setting on the 8th instant. You are aware, that their government has taken care for their guide. They have their executive, Legislative and Judicial departments. The Executive Dept. is filled by a person

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bearing the title of "Principal or head Chief." The Legislative is composed of two houses, called the Committee and Council. The committee may be considered as representing the Senate of the U. States, and the Council the house of Representatives. — The Judiciary are elected by the Council —

The only business that has been transacted during this council, so far as I have heard is as follows: They have elected Judges, annulled the law, allowing Citizens of the Nation to introduce, School Masters & Mechanics of different ~~kinds into the~~ nation, and have passed a few claims on the nation. They have ~~[illegible]~~ under consideration for several days propositions, submitted to them on the part of the U. States by Mr. Chester of Georgia an authorized agent but as yet they have given no reply. From all the observations that I have made to make, during here stay, which I passed on the council ground, I am led to believe that they will not at this time consent to treat, although, most of the intelligent men of the Nation know that it is the only thing left for them, but they dare not speak out and say so. They have led the ignorant and poor part of the community so long, to believe, that they would be protected in their rights, and have used every means to induce them to oppose a treaty, that now when they know that it would be the best course for them to pursue, the pride of opinion and the fear of loseing their popularity, restrain them from expressing those opinions openly.

At this time there is great dissatisfaction among them and will without doubt, in no great length of time, lead to something important. At their council in July last, according to the powers prescribed

by the State of Georgia, against their exercising the powers of Government within her limits. They passed an ordinance continuing their three Chiefs, and Council men, ad infinitum, owing to their not being able to hold an election in that part of their territory lying within the limits of Georgia. This has caused the organization of a party, who are determined not to submit to the authority of the Chiefs &c. This party is increasing, and they are in favor of entering into a Treaty, but they are not sufficiently strong to carry ~~their point~~.

I have observed since my arrival here, that there are some respectable and influential men in Tennessee who come into the nation, and use every means to persuade the Cherokees not to treat. One of their arguments is this, they say that Henry Clay will be elected president and then he will have all their grievances redressed. That he has said that he would do this thing & that forthwith. And as they are now in the situation of a drowning man, they grasp with eagerness every thing that holds out the least encouragement to them to remain where they are. They also assure them that their country west of Mississippi is unhealthy, and that they will all die if they go there. The Indians themselves say there is not land enough for them all.

It is my belief that by the ensuing spring there may be a Treaty made with them, provided there should be commissioners appointed who are acquainted with the Indian character & who will show a disposition to act fairly & justly by them.

Emig 10 Cherokee
Lt. F. L. Dancy
Cherokee agency East
Nov. 1st 1832

Sends Abstract for Oct.
The Emigration progresses
very slowly – Lt. desirous to
return to Washington

Emigration of Cherokees

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Rec'd 14th Nov

Cherokee Agency East.
Nov. 1st 1832.

To the Commissary Genl. of Subsistence,

Sir, I have the honor herewith, to transmit abstracts of my disbursements for the month of Oct.br 1832 — Contained in two separate abstracts, the one for the Commutation allowance for Transportation of the Emigrating Cherokee Indians — the other for the contingent expences connected therewith. — I have included in said abstracts, the first disbursements made by me, on the 27th of Sept.br And for which no previous abstract has been rendered.

All which I hope will meet with your approbation.

The Emigration continues to progress very slowly the superintending Agent has reported to me; that he generally finds those who have enrolled, desposed to fulfil their engagements, whilst he is present, but that in his absence, designing and influential individuals gain such an influence over them as to, render it impossible to place any confidence in their promises.

There are some whole intention it is, not to move before after the first of January — and from that till late in the

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Spring - and even then there will be no certainty that they will go. In consequence of which, and the small number there will be of them, I shall prepare to return so soon as I have bail off all those who intend going this fall, unless I hear to receive Orders to the contrary. There will be so few remaining after that that the expences of the agent to will amount to much more, than what will be due the emigrants - and there are some of the agents who will extend the time as much as possible unless they should be limited to some particular date.

The cause of my anxiety to return as soon as the interest of the Debt will allow, is the promise that was held out to me, and on which I grounded my application to Col. Long, for permission to be absent from his Party for two months, and it was on these terms and these alone that he would consent to let me come. And I presume he is now waiting my return to finish the maps of the Survey on which I was engaged with him. My respects to Mrs Hooke &c

I have the honor to be very respectfully
your obt servant F. L. Haney
Lieut. U. S. Army
Disb. Agent.

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Lt F. L. Dancy

Monthly

Abstract of Contingencies

for October 1832

Cherokees

removing west

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursments for transportation of the Emigrating Cherokee Indians, for the month of October 1832. – by Lieut. F. L. Dancy Disbursing Agent.

Dates 1832	To whom Paid.	For what Paid.	Dolls.	Cents	Remarks.
Septr. 29th	John Vance	Commutation for Transp.n	108	00	
Octr. 26th	Martin Miller	do	54	00	
" "	Jas. Love	do.	144	00	
" "	S. Smith	do.	36	00	
" "	Warm Water	do.	18	00	
Octr. 27th	Danl. Love	do.	198	00	
		Total	558	00	

I have included one payment made in the month of Septr. being the first of my Disbursement.

I certify that the above abstract is just and True.

F. L. Dancy
Lieut. U. S. Army
Disb. Agent.

Lt F. L. Dancy

Monthly

Abstract of Contingencies

for October 1832

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Cherokees

removing West

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies in the removal of the Cherokee Indians, for the month of October 1832 — by — Lieut F. L. Dancy — Disbursing Agent.

Dates, 1832.	To Whom Paid	For What Paid.	Dolls	Cents	Remarks.
*Sept. 29th	H. Montgomery	Services of Interpreter	7	75	Paid by him before my arrival.
Oct. 1st	Eli Hicks	Services as Interpreter	21	00	
*Sept. 29th	B. F. Currey	Compensation as Supg Agent	1000	00	
Oct. 3	John Miller	Services as Interpreter	23	75	
" 10th	John Hardwick	Building Cabins	128	00	
" 25th	William Hardin	Compensation as Enrolling Agent	644	00	
" "	William Hardin	Services of Interpreter	36	12½	Paid by himself with voucher
" "	William Hardin	Subsistence of Interpreters	6	62½	Do. with voucher.
		Total	1867	25	

* The first payments made by me, and for which no abstract had previously been furnished.

I certify that the above abstract is just and True.

F. L. Dancy
Lieut U. S. Army
Disb. Agent.

Examined 2 Cherokee

Lt. F. L. Dancy

Cher. Agency 1st Oct 1832

Sends Abstract for Nov.

Will leave on the 10th Nov.

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Cherokee Agency East.
December 1st 1832.

To the Commissary Gen. of Subsistence,

Sir, I have the honor herewith to enclose abstracts of Disbursements made by me during the month of November 1832. Marked Nos 1 and 2. No 1 Containing all the disbursements made to Cherokees emigrating west of the Mississippi, and No 2, Containing all the disbursements incidental thereto.

By reference to the abstracts rendered by me for the month of October, together with the accompanying ones, you will perceive that the funds placed in my hands are nearly expended. in consequence of which I shall leave this place by the 10th instant on my return to the City.

As there will be some few Cherokees still remaining who have enrolled, and who possibly may wish to remove, I would suggest whether it would not be more to the interest of the Department to place funds in the hands of some one of the officers stationed in the Nation about 35 miles from this place, who

could pay the commutation to those who yet remain at they might be prepared to receive it. The Sup. agent informs me that there is no certainty when they will be ready to start for the west.

The officers above alluded to are stationed at "Coco Creek, near Madison Ville Tennessee, with a detachment under Capt.n Bettan, and consist of Lieuts Mckenzie Adams, and Humphreys, all of which I hope will meet with your approbation.

I have the honor to be very respectfully Yr. your obt. Svt.

F. L. Dancy
Lieut. R. D. Army
Disb. agent.

Lt. F. L. Dancy's
Monthly Abst.
for Transportation

Cherokee Court

Rec'd Dec 7th

No. 1.

MONTHLY ABSTRACT of Disbursements for Transportation of the Emigrating Cherokee Indians for the Month of November 1832 — By F. L. Dancy Lieut. U. S. Army — Disbursing Agent for the U. States.

Dates	To whom Paid	For what Paid	Amount Dolls	Cts.	Remarks
1832					
Nov. 13th	Edward Tucker	Commutation of Transportation, west of the Mississippi	126	00	
" "	Terrel Hinson	" " " "	144	00	
" "	Davis Tucker	" " " "	54	00	
" "	Thomson Tucker	" " " "	18	00	
" "	Asiph Wilson	" " " "	18	00	
" 14th	Margaret Langley	" " " "	54	00	
" "	Michael C. Wood	" " " "	54	00	
" "	Benjamin Brackett	" " " "	54	00	
" "	Abraham Wood	" " " "	108	00	
" "	Elijah Hubbard	" " " "	216	00	
" 20th	Reuben Daniel	" " " "	270	00	
" "	William A. Coleman	" " " "	90	00	
" "	John Langley	" " " "	306	00	
" "	Lock Langley	" " " "	108	00	
		Total	1620	00	1620 00

I certify on Honor that the above abstract is just and true

(Signed Duplicates)

F. L. Dancy
Lieut. U. S. Army
Disbursing Agent.

To the Commissary General of
Subsistence
Washington City
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Lt. F. L. Dancy's
Monthly Abst.
for Contingencies

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No. 2.

MONTHLY ABSTRACT of Disbursements for Contingencies in the removal of the Cherokee Indians; for the Month of November 1832 — By F. L. Dancy Lieut. U. S. Army — Disbursing Agent for the United States.

Dates	To whom Paid	For what Paid.	Amount Dolls	Amount Cts.	Remarks
1832. Nov. 7th	F. L. Dancy (U. S. Army)	Transportation from Washington City to Cherokee Agency, East.	58	50	
" 12th	H. Montgomery	For services rendered by that Corderry in the removal of the Cherokee Indians and paid by Montgomery	30	00	ordered to be paid by Depart
" 29th	Jacob M. Scudder	Compensation as Enrolling Agent for the Cherokees	268	00	
" "	Jacob M. Scudder	Compensation as appraiser of abandoned Indian Improvements.	16	44¼	
" "	James C. Montgomery	" " " " "	210	50	
		Total	583	44¼	

I certify on Honor that the above abstract is Just and True.

(signed duplicate)

F. L. Dancy
Lieut. U. S. Army
Disbursing Agent.

To The Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington City D.C.

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Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of
Washington City

(Referred) 4 Emig Cherokee
L. Evans, Vineyard
Washington City
A. T. Nov. 24. 1832
to
Secretary of War.
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Requests that Capt
George Vashon may be
instructed to July his
Claim.

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Referred by Secy of War Dec 20th

Vineyard Washington County Ark. Ter.

24th Nov. 1832

Dear Sir —

The Cherokee Emigrants under Treaty of the 6th of May 1828 supplied themselves with provisions during the first year — for which Capt. Geo. Washon paid them by draft on the War Department at the rate of $32.50/100 for each person who supplied himself — a number of Cherokees enrolled during the present year some of whom settled near the western boundary line — as they (or some of them) were wholly destitute of means to subsist on — I furnished several with their supplies of provisions for the year took their receipt for the same together with a power of Attorney to receive payment from the Agent or any person authorised to pay the same — estimating each persons supplies for 12 months at $32.50/100 amongst the number was one Slave numbered with the family when enrolled — I did not apply to the Agent immediately (believing that the act would be paid as usual) in the mean time Lieut. Clark arrived to supply the state Emigrants — with provisions

Lieut. Clark's Commission 19 1832

I saw him he said he could not open to any person but the Emigrant himself — and was not authorized to settle any such accounts — On a second interview He instructed me to petition the Secretary of War on the subject — that the payment of some such claims had been ordered belonging to Hunt & Carrier — The object of this note is to request you to instruct Capt. Bradshaw to pay my accounts — provided He thinks them valid. In Compliance you Confer a Singular favor on your

Obt Servt

L Evans

Hon — Lewis Cass

Secretary of War

Wm L. McClintock
Calhoun Penn
Decr 20th 1831

sends estimate for subsisting
200 indians &c

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Calhoun Ten. Dec. 20. 1831

Sir,

I send enclosed herewith an Estimate of the cost of transporting and subsisting Five Hundred emigrants, the number proposed, by the Superintendent, to be removed during this winter, in addition to about 130 expected to [illegible] at their own expense, the estimated cost being previously paid to them.—

The commutations to these latter will amount to about $2400 including those for their horses, which, added to the $8072,50 on the estimate, will exceed the sum placed to my credit in the Bank, by nearly $500.— But as the steam boat will not be paid for till my return, there will be no danger of my being in want of funds till that time.—

In estimating the price of the Rations at 7½ [illegible] the price of flour to be from $4 to 6— [illegible] which I judge, from the imperfect information I have been able to obtain, to be about the present market price, in this country.— Pork is not usually packed in barrels, in this part of the country, but sold in bulk.— The lowest price, now demanded for it, is $3 per hundred, from which rate I fix the price in barrels.—

I am Sir respectfully

Your [illegible]

[illegible]

Br. Gen.

George Gibson

Commy Gen. Subs.

Capt. W. L. M'Clintock
estimate for transportation
and subsistence of 500 Cherokees
from Georgia to the point nearest
their new country to which a
steamboat can reach

Dated. Decemb 20. 1831.

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Estimate of the cost of Transportation and Subsistence in the removal of 500 emigrating Cherokees from their residence in Georgia to the point nearest their destination that a Steamboat can reach.—

From their dwellings in Georgia to the bank of the Mississippi river 42 wagons will be required for 10 days, which at $2,50 p. day is	1050,00	
Tolls and Ferriages, about	100,00	
Total for Land carriage ----		1150,00
To the foot of the Muscle shoals, required 20 flat Boats		
There are 15 on hand, cost of repairs at $10 each ---	150,00	
To be purchased 5 Boats @ $57 ----------	285,00	
Pilotage over the Shoals at $10 per Boat	200,00	
Total for transportation by flat Boats		635,00
By Steamboat to end of the route, according to Cheatham's proposal, the cheapest offered, at 7 Dollars per head ----	3500,00	
Baggage, estimating for each emigrant 100 lbs @ $1,— --	500,00	
Total for Steamboat transportation		$4000,00
Total for Transportation		$5785,00

Allowing for delays by obstructions in ascending the Arkansas and in consequence of the Steamboat stopping short of the point of destination, I reckon the time, from the departure of the emigrants from Georgia, to their arrival at the Agency West of the Mississippi, at 45 Days.—

Number of Rations required—22500.—

Cost per Ration, by Contract—7 cents— 22500 × 7½ =	1687,50	
Total for Subsistence		$1687,50
Total for transportation and subsistence		$7472,50
Add, contingent for the abovementioned delays, ------		600,00
		$8072,50

From this sum there will be something to deduct for the value of the flat Boats (too uncertain to be estimated) when they reach the foot of the Shoals.—

By carting all, over what can go in the 15 boats, on hand, directly to the foot of the shoals, something may be saved also, should there be no rise of waters to cause delays.—

Calhoun Ten.
December 20. 1831

W. L. G. Whitlock
Agt. Reg. Subs. Indians

Ewing / ~~Choctaw~~ Cherokee

Respecting the employment of Steam boat in removal of Indians &c &c.

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Jany 11th

Agency for Rem. & Subs. of Indians
Calhoun December 30. 1831

Sir,

Since sending my Estimate, a new mode of conveyance of emigrants to the foot of the Muscle Shoals has offered, which is somewhat cheaper and far more convenient and expeditious than that by flat Boats.— There is a small steam boat in the Tennessee which plies between Knoxville and the head of the Shoals, from the Agent of which I have received a proposal to convey the Indians, at $1,50 per head and baggage at 20¢ per hundred pounds, to that place, and I think it probable the Superintendent of Emigration will adopt this plan of removal.—

I find also on further inquiry that I have been misinformed concerning the price of Flour, the best quality of which now sells at Knoxville at $5 to 6.— Being doubtful of being able to obtain pork packed in barrels, in this country, I have written to Capt. Taylor at Louisville and to Nashville for the prices current of provisions at those places, and should a Steamboat be engaged at either of those towns, it may be expedient to freight those articles

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on board of her, in sufficient quantity to subsist the Emigrants from Florence to the place of destination.—

Mr. Currey returned into the interior of the Cherokee nation about Ten days ago, in company with the Assessors, who are now engaged in the valuation of improvements.— The inspiring effect of this operation, calculated on by Mr. Currey as a means of encreasing his enrollments, has not yet been realized.— I learn that no additional emigrants have yet been made.— Sufficient time however has not elapsed to test the experiment.—

I have received from the Agent of Cherokees, Sixteen flat Boats (or arks) belonging to the United States, and am now engaged in superintending the repair of them.— Requisitions have been received for Four of them to be delivered to Indians removing themselves and their families.— These Indians have commenced moving to this place, and will probably depart before the 10th January.—

I am Sir Your Obedt Servt

W. L. M. McKintock

Agt Reg. & Subs Ind Affs

Brig. Gen.

George Gibson

Commy Gen. Subsistence

Evang 8 Cherokee.

Wm McIntosh
Calhoun June 1 1832

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Agency for the Rom. & Sabs. of Indians
Calhoun Ten. Jany. 1. 1832

Sir,

I send enclosed with this, my account current for the Quarter ending 31. December 1831 with the Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies and Sip vouchers belonging to it.— These papers embrace all the transactions of this Agency during that Quarter, no purchases or issues of Provisions or other disbursements having been made.—

Yours Sir respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
M. L. B. Chitock
Actg. Rem. & Subs. Indians

Brigr. Gen.
George Gibson
Commissy. Gen. Subsistence

Copy of Charter

W. L. McIntosh
Calhoun, Jany 8th 1832

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Jany 20th

Agency for the Rem. C. & Subs. of Indians

Calhoun Jany. 6. 1832

Sir,

The number of emigrants for whom Transportation and Subsistence in kind will be required has not increased since my last, but about thirty indians who propose to convey themselves, were enrolled in the neighbourhood of of the Tennessee line, in the progress of the Agreeoors.— In the more Southern part of the nation, the enrolling agents have met with no success.— It is thought that the restrictions lately imposed on Mr. Ellsey in making advances for improvements have produced a bad effect.— No doubt this furnishes an additional argument to those whose interest it is to keep up the national prejudice against emi= =gration.— But they did not want it.— Those indians who enroll to convey themselves, are nearly all half Breeds, possess= =ing property and indifferent whether they receive pay for their improvements here, or in their new country.— A party of them will commence their voyage down this river on Monday 9th Inst.—

Brigr. Genl Geo Gibson
Commiss. Genl. Subsce

I am Sir, respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. L. McKinstock
Agt Rem. C. & Subs. Ind.s

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Ewing Cherokee

Wm L. McGlintock

Calhoun Tenn

Jany 20th 1852

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

1st February

Agency for Rem.d & Subs.t of Indians
Calhoun Ten. Jany. 20. 1832

Sir,

I find greater difficulty in procuring provisions than I expected.— The accounts I received on my first arrival here, as well as during my journey, of the abundance of flour on the upper Tennessee, were greatly exaggerated.— I am not certain that a sufficient quantity can be purchased at a reasonable price to supply 500 Indians, (should so many be enrolled) between this place and Knoxville.— I shall get about 50 barrels for from 5 to 6 dollars a barrel of flour of a very indifferent quality.— This will subsist us till we reach the foot of the shoals, where I propose to receive the remainder from Nashville or Louisville.— It will be necessary to obtain pork in the same manner.— Here I can buy it only in the bulk.— I have already received nearly as much as I judge will be required on this side of the shoals, at $3½ per hundred.— But the loss in drying and useless parts with the expense of salt and labour, will make the cost almost equal to Ten dollars a barrel of pickled pork.— This method of preserving it is not so effectual as pickling, and some loss may be expected also from putrefaction.—

These are all the purchases I think it advisable to make in anticipation of Mr. Ewing's requisitions.— Whenever the

Emig" Cherokee -

Wm. L. M. Gintock
Calhoun Tenn
January 1st 1838

Feby 9th "

Agt for Rem. & Subs. of Indians
Calhoun Ten. Jany. 27th 1832

Sir,

I think it proper to report to you the following instances of delay in the arrival of letters addressed to me at this place, all of which I believe to have occurred between Calhoun and Knoxville.—

Your letter dated the 3d did not arrive till the 20th Inst., with no interruption it must have arrived on the 13th.—

On the same day I received a letter from Knoxville, which was post marked on the 12th having been eight days between the two places.— This case, and the frequent complaints of the inhabitants of this village of the failure of their letters and papers, on this side of Knoxville, justify my suspicion that the delinquency is in some offer on this route.—

On the same day I received a letter, on service, from Fort Pebble, dated 14th December, one Month and six days [redacted] to its receipt.—

Dear Sir, respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. L. McClintock
Agt Rem. & Subs. Indns

Brig. Gen.
Geo. Gibson
Commisr. gen. of Subs.

Wm L. M. Clintock

Cahoun Tenn

July 4th 1832

Mr Curry will commence immed

to assemble the indians to whom

tions will be issued; deems it nec

fore to employ an assistant

whom he give 45 cnt a day

Mr Chatham proposes to furn

Steam Boat now for rate

to that be returned to hire.

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Recd Feby 15th.

Calhoun Ten. Feby 4th 1832

Sir,

Mr. Carey has notified me that he shall assemble the indians near the Agency, preparatory to their removal down the river, and shall commence immediately to send them in, by small parties as fast as he can induce them to leave their dwellings.— On the [redacted] parties, he requires me to issue ra[redacted] duty together with that of salting and curing pork, which will require constant attention for some time, will be sufficient to employ an assistant of the same grade as is required in a Commissary's store.— I have therefore engaged a citizen for 45 cents per day, for that service, which arrangement I submit for your approbation.

Capt. Taylor Commissary at Louisville, informs me [redacted] answer to my inquiries, that a Steamboat cannot be procured at that place on better terms than those offered by Mr. Cheatham of Nashville— I have therefore notified Mr. Cheatham that his Boat will be employed during the present season, giving him hopes, also, that he may have a contract for the whole business of the Cherokee emigration, should his execution of the first engagement prove satisfactory

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Wm L McClintock

Agt

Calhoun Tenn.

February 17 183

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employed to carry baggage but no
part of the property of emigrant

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Feby 29th

Calhoun Ten. Feby. 17. 1832

Sir,

Mr. Carey has at last succeeded in obtaining the desired number of emigrants for an expedition and some are on their way to encamp in this vicinity where their water transportation will commence.—

In consistence with his requisition I have begun

to move at the same time, will be sent off successively in such numbers as are likely to find loading.—

It was heretofore contemplated to move them to this point in a body and I had intended to superintend the movement in person.— But this change of plan, which has been adopted for the sake of expedition, on account of the lateness of the season, will be likely to detain me here during the greater

—essary that an agent be employed in the nation to superintend the loading and sending off of wagons and other duties.— {Convinced of this necessity, in which I am advised by Col. Montgomery the Agent, who speaks from his experience in the last emigration} I have determined to engage an experienced wagoner for this employment, at a reason—able compensation, trusting to receive your approbation for

(I have been able thus far to obtain wagons at the rate of $2,50 per day, but fear that I shall be obliged to offer half a dollar more before a sufficient number will engage.—)

Your letter of the 3d Instant has been this moment received.—

(The transportation of horses has been commuted for emigrants conveying themselves only.— The rate was fixed by the Superintendent without consulting me, and I do not know what rule he ~~has adopted for limiting the number~~ proportioned to each.— (Mr. Cuvey is now absent and I cannot now explain any further than that) the horses were sent by land under charge of emigrants, on a different route from that taken by their owners and generally in advance of them.— They were not employed to carry baggage, but went as part of the property of the emigrants which, I have supposed the Government intended to transport at its expense.—)

I send the Warrant on the authority of which I have acted, which, supported by my letter of instructions, in which I am required to obey Mr. Cuvey's directions in every thing relating to transportation and Subsistence, I have thought sufficient to shield me from all responsibility

I will inform myself, according to your desire, on these points, considering your letter as a special authority to me to request, of Mr. Cuvey, an explanation, which

I presume he will be able to give sound endeavour to have a rule established to govern future cases.—

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. L. G. Chitock
Capt. Regt of Subs. Indns

Brigr Genl
George Gibson
Commdg Genl. of Subsistence

Comp. to Colonel

W. L. M. Clintock

Calhoun Tennessee

February 24th 1832

Encloses General Hannah's for

which he had paid in adva

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Requires all the explanation

Mr Curry thought proper to g

him on this subject.

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Mon. Feby 9th

Calhoun Tennessee

February 24 1832

Sir

I enclose herewith the general Warrant, on the authority of which, I informed you I had paid, in advance, for the transportation of boxes. That for transpt. and subsist. of Indians was sent in my last package by mistake, occasioned by haste in preparing my papers for the mail, which, arriving and departing in the night, hardly allows me time to return prompt answers to your letters.

This paper contains all the explanation Mr. Carey thought proper to give, and all, considering the latitude of his original instructions, compared with mine, that I thought myself authorized to require, to justify this disbursement.

This transaction seemed to indicate the course which I ought to pursue, and I have accordingly confined myself [redacted] prescribed by my instructions — that is, actually to the complying with requisitions, avoiding however every thing like vexatious punctilio, and holding myself always ready to prepare estimates, give counsel or take any responsibilities incident to the functions of my office, in case [redacted] of Emigration should be inclined, whether by necessity or courtesy, to call upon me. I have thought this

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statement necessary to explain the reason why I have not informed myself on the points alluded to in your last letter, which points I understand to be, the grounds on which the estimate and decision were made, allowing, for all horses conveyed at the expense of the owners, a commutation of Six dollars and a half.—

I shall have no further need of either of the warrants forwarded, which I request may remain deposited in your office for general reference in the settlement of my commutation accounts, all of which belong to one or the other of the two classes.—

I should have stated, as part of my explanation, in my last, that, the compensation for conveying horses is in addition to that allowed for transportation and subsistence of Indians.— In some of the orders issued since my first Quarter, I find some of the horses designated as "baggage horses," but why the distinction is made I do not know.—

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
W. L. McIntosh
Agt. Ptns. & Sub. Ind.

To
Brigr. Genl.
George Gibson
Commisry. Genl. Subst.

Emig 16 Cherokee

Wm L. McClintock
Nashville
~~Fort Smith~~
April 1st 1832

Has provided for the transportation of the emigrants in flat Boats to the foot of the Muscle Shoals. Will despatch a Steam Boat to meet them at that place. Will go to Florence & Waterloo in Ala to see the emigrants embark. Mr Curry conducts them. This business will delay the making out of his Returns & accounts. Requests that on the final settlement of the affairs of his agency up to the present expedition he may be recalled from this service.

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Rec'd 13 april

Nashville Ten. April 1st 1832

Sir,

Having provided for the transportation of the emigrants in flat Boats, to the foot of the Muscle shoals, I left Calhoun on the 26th Ult. and arrived here yesterday.— As soon as I shall learn the departure of the Steam boat to meet them at that place, I shall go to Florence and in Ala., see the emigrants embarked, (Mr. Lacey conducts them) and return to this City, where I shall remain until the Steam boat shall return from the Arkansas.— This business will necessarily delay the making out of my Returns and accounts for the last Quarter, till about the middle of this Month.— I think it proper now to request that, on the final settlement of the affairs of my Agency, up to the conclusion of the present expedition, I may be recalled from this service.— There will be no business for an Agent of Rem. & Sugar from that time till the emigration shall recommence in the Autumn.— Consequently the expense of my transportation will be saved by the discontinuance of the salary during that interval and my retirement at that favourable crisis course

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neither expense nor inconvenience.—

As I entered on this duty without knowing the nature of its details, I presume you did not expect my continuance in it, if by experience I should find it objectionable.— I hope you will therefore consider it a sufficient apology for leaving it so soon, that I find my situation different from what I had [illegible] it would be, and that it does not offer advantages sufficient to justify my absence from my company.—

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
W. W. Chintock
Agt. New York State.

Brig-Gen
Geo. Gibson
Commissy. Gen. Subsistence

Cherokee - 17.

Wm L. M Clintock

Nashville Tenn

April 8th 1842

Enclosed Samuel Aikin account for expenses in securing flat Boats belonging to the U. States. He was paid 30 cents a month per Boat He was bound to keep them secure Shall the bill be paid

Recd 13 April

Nashville Ten April 5th 1832

Sir,

I send herewith enclosed an account of Samuel Likens, for expenses in removing flat boats belonging to the U. States which were carried away on Hiwassee river by a freshet, before [illegible] at Calhoun — He had charge of these boats at the time, for which he has been paid half a dollar per month per boat, and was bound to use all the means in his power to secure them.— But the rise of the river is represented to have been so sudden and powerful as to overcome all his exertions, and he could do nothing but follow and try to recover them.— His account is perhaps just, but not [illegible] which I thought myself authorized to pay without special order from you, [illegible] submit it for your decision.—

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
W. L. G. Pritchett
Capt. Rem'g & Subs. Ind.

Br. Gen.
Geo Gibson
Commdg. Gen. Subsistence

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Cherokee 18 Emig –

Wm L M Clintock
Cathoun Tenn
March 9th 1832

Recept letter of 16 February
Cheatham proposals with him
Has drawn a contract & sent
to him Intends going to Nash-
ville to regulate the arrival of
the Steam Boats at the Shoals
The emigrants began to arrive
from Georgia & 180 of them are
in huts on the bank of Hiawassee
near this place many of the
families refuse to emigrate and
ran away on the approach of the
wagons & hid themselves. Not so
many will emigrate & they will
have more baggage than he
expected. Has requested Capt
Taylor to send him 50 Bbls flour
& has in store 100 barrels has
engaged 20 Bbls of corn meal
will ship all the stores there is
remaining with them

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Recd 21 March

Calhoun Ten. March 4th 1832

Sir

Your letter, enclosing with the proposals of L. P. Heatham and dated 16th February was received by the last week's mail, –

I have drawn up a contract for Mr Heatham and sent it to him for his consideration, and it is my intention to go to Nashville, as soon as the time of the emigrants from this place can be ascertained, for the purpose of regulating the arrival of the Steamboat at the Shoals so as to have it correspond with theirs as near as possible. – This cannot be effected through the mail because it is too uncertain and too slow, being from 15 to 20 days on the road, though a horseman by a direct course may reach Nashville in 4 or 5 days. – I shall then arrange all conditions so as, if possible, to avoid future misunderstanding. –

The emigrants began to arrive from Georgia about ten days ago, and 180 of them are now in huts on the bank of the Hiwassee near this place. Many of the families enrolled refuse to emigrate, and run away on the approach of the wagons, and hide themselves in the mountains and swamps, so that the number removed this season is likely to be considerably less than I computed

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it in my letter of 17th February.- The proportion of baggage will be greater than I have heretofore estimated it, because the emigrants are chiefly white people or mixed who have all the habits and wants of whites.-

I have requested Capt. Taylor Commissary at Louisville to send to Florence 50 Barrels of Pork, which I could not procure in this country.- I have in store here 100 barrels of flour and have engaged 20 barrels of corn meal.- All of these stores that remain unexpended on the departure of the emigrants, I shall ship with them, and the surplus, after supplying them on the voyage, will be turned over to the agent on the Arkansaw.-

Your letter of Feby. 27th is received and your directions for the correction of the mistake mentioned shall be obeyed.--

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. L. M. Gintock
Agt. Rem. of Subs. Indns.

Brig. Gen.
George Gibson
Commy. Gen. of Subsistence

Army Q. M. General's
Office
Charleston S. C.
April 2 1832

Enclosed a contract which I have made with Mr. L. P. Chiarlas for transporting Quartermaster Department Contracting is preferable to Chartering Steam Boat

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Recd. 13 April

Nashville Ten. April 2d. 1832

Sir,

I send enclosed, a Contract which I have made with Mr. L. P. Cheatham, the gentleman whose proposals I had transmitted to you, for Steam boat transportation, for the Cherokee emigrants. In drawing it up I have tried to embrace every provision necessary to ensure a safe and expeditious conveyance of the emigrants.— You will perceive also, that the terms are so fixed as to make it the interest of the proprietor, always to ascend the Arkansaw as far as possible, which I considered an important object, as the landing the emigrants at any place short of their destination must occasion great additional expense as well as delays and other difficulties. Should the Steam boat be stopped by want of sufficient water, he will nevertheless forward the emigrants in keel boats as far as possible.— Mr. Cheatham has an excellent steamboat of a light draft of water, which will be sent on the present expedition, and another of similar character nearly finished, which he will also put into

the service whenever it may be required.— And should the extent of the emigration call for still more boats, he will always be ready to provide them at fifteen days notice.— He wished to have inserted an article binding the U. States to employ him exclusively in removing the whole Cherokee nation, but such an article appeared to me inadmissible; I thought I might give him the assurance, however, that the Department would always give him the preference over others offering only equal terms, and that no clandestine attempts at underbidding him would be countenanced, as an efficient execution of the service was of greater consideration with the government than any trifling reduction of expense could be.— He withdraws his boat from a lucrative business in which it is now engaged, more for the expectation of future profit than of any advantage to be gained by the present trip.—

This plan of contracting for the transportation, is, in all respects, preferable to that of chartering.— The charter of a steam boat and keels is rated at 150 dollars per day, without being obliged to run during the night, and with a strong motive on the part of the proprietors to clear out the voyage

to the greatest possible length. —

The framing and negotiating this contract has been a difficult task to me, owing to my inexperience in this part of my duty. — If I have succeeded in avoiding great errors I shall be satisfied and claim your approbation. —

Mr. Cheatham — has executed a Bond with two securities, Mr. James Barrett and Mark Barrow, citizens of Nashville, represented to me as sufficient men, for Ten thousand dollars for the performance of his contract. —

I am Sir respectfully Yr

Your Obedt Servt

Wm. M. Chistock

Ag't Rem'g Subs Fds.

Brig'r Gen.

— George Gibson

— Commy Gen. of Subsistence

Emig. 20. Cherokee

Wm. L. McClintock

Florence Ala. 18th Apl. 1832

[illegible]ly 400 Emigrants pass the [illegible]ld - Water unusually [illegible] at this season of the [illegible]r - much difficulty enc[illegible]tered by the Boats -

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Washington

D.C.

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Rec'd Wm

Florence Ala.
April 18. 1832

Sir,

The Company arrived here yesterday and passed through the Shoals yesterday and arrived here, in nine flat Boats, today. They were detained until this time by unforeseen obstacles of various kinds but principally by adverse winds, and the low stage of water in the Tennessee, which is at this season of the year. The steam boat Tom Beatman is at Waterloo a port 20 miles below this, at the foot of Colbert's Shoal, over which the water is too low for her to pass. About three days of demurrage have been incurred, and the wind is now strong ahead, but every exertion will be made and we hope to reach the Boat by tomorrow morning.

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. W. Chittock
Capt Ram Bal. Regt

Maj Genl
George Gibson
Commdg Gen. Subs

Ewing 21. Cherokee

Wm L. McClintock
Nashville May 2nd 1832

Acknowledges recept. of letters of March 19th & 13th apl. — 380 Emigrants left the Mouth Tennessee on 23d apl. under J. F. Curry Esq: — will remain at Nashville until return of Boat to be able to make a final settlement of his Agency accounts —

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May 11th

Nashville May 2d 1832

Sir,

Your letter of March 19th was received about the 20th Ult. at Waterloo, forwarded to me from Calhoun.— And that of the 13th April, enclosed with Mr. Aikens' account I received today.— Yr account shall be settled according to your direction.—

The Steamboat J. Spearman left the mouth of Tennessee river on the 23d April, with Three hundred and eighty Emigrants under charge of B. F. Currey Esqr. Supt. Emigration.— I have been detained by want of means of conveyance at the Mouth of the Cumberland, and not been able to reach this place until today.— I shall now lose no time in making out my accounts which were due on the 31st March.—

I shall remain there until the return of the Steamboat, that I make a final settlement of the accounts of my agency, after which, it is my intention should I receive no counter orders from you, to proceed to Washington, where my presence may be useful in settling my accounts.—

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I enclose a Certificate of the Cashier of the U.S. B. Bank of Nashville, of the transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars, according to your order. This was not received until today, having been sent to Calhoun and returned.—

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. L. C. Shattuck
Agt N. & S. Inds.

Brig Genl
George Gibson
Commdg Genl Subsistence

Ewing 2 2 Cherokees

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Wm L. McClintock

Nashville May 3rd 1832

~~Nashville~~. Encloses Abstract No. 2 of Disbursement for contingencies & 34 vouchers.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 12 m'ng Nashville May 3d 1832
(two last letters both dated 1 day too late)

Sir,

I send enclosed herewith, Abstract No. 2 of Disbursements for Contingencies, with Thirty four vouchers belonging to it.—

Yours Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
W. L. McClintock
Ag't Rem'g & Subs. Ind's.

Brig'r Gen.
Geo. Gibson
Commis'ry Gen. Subs't

Ending 23 Chero kee

Wm. L. McCintock

~~May 4th 1832~~

Nashville May 4th - 1832

Encloses Abstract of disburse=ments for Contingencies & 15 vouchers

Rec'd 14 May

Nashville T. May 4. 1832

Sir,

I send enclosed with this, Abstract No. 3 of disbursements for Contingencies and 15 Vouchers, and have the honour to be

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. L. McContock
Agt Rem & Subs. Indns

Brig. Gen.
George Gibson
Commy Gen. Subs.

Ewing 24. Cherokee

Jno. L. McClintock

Nashville May 3rd 1832

Encloses abstract No. 1. of Disbursements of Contingencies for 1st Quarter, with 52 vouchers.

15 May

Nashville May 3d 1832

Sir,

I send enclosed with this, Abstract No. 1 of Disbursements for Contingencies for the 1st Quarter of this Year, with Fifty two Vouchers belonging to it.— This Abstract comprehends all the commutations of transportation and subsistence made in that Quarter. I have ventured to depart from usual forms, so far as to arrange my numerous vouchers for contingencies into three classes.— The 1st Commutations— 2nd Transportation— 3rd Miscellaneous.— The Purchases will not occupy more than one Abstract.—

I am Sir, respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W. L. G. Christock
Agt Recg & Disbg Offr.

To Brigr Genl
George Gibson
Commy Genl of Subsistence

Examd 25 Cherokee

Jno. C. C. Gitock

Nashville May 6. 1832.

Enclosed 3 Abstracts – certificate of Mastage – Account current ~~to Mason~~

15th May

Nashville Ten. May 6. 1832

Sir,

I send herewith enclosed the following papers viz. — 1st Abstract of Purchases for the Quarter ending March 31. 1832, with 17 Vouchers

2d. Abstract of Provisions issued during same period

3d. " —— " —— No. 2.

4th Certificate of Wastage

5th Return of Provisions received and issued during the same period

6th Account Current. —

In accounting for the wastage of the Pork, it is necessary to consider that the head, feet and back bone were lost in cutting up each hog, and that it was exposed to the air until it was issued. — The best method of preservation practised in the country, was adopted, and none was lost by putrifaction. —

This package contains all the remainder of my accounts for the Quarter ending 31. March 1832.

P. Brigs Genl
Geo. Gibson
Commy Genl Subs.

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
W. L. B. Chiltock
Agt. Reg. & Subs.

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BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Calhoun J
21 July 1830

Ind appeals

Lewis Capt.

Military Commission
Territory of Orleans
Washington Co.

Recd 1st Dec

Referred

No. 4 and

Cherokee Agency
14th July 1832

Sir

Before the Emigration was stopped in 1830 I had Enrolled a Man by the name of John Mosely and in the Fall of that year he came on to the agency with his Family and the Family of Alex McDaniel who had gone himself the Fall before, and after Consulting the Gov.t I gave them a Boat Provisions and sent them on; He had hired a man by the name of Cordery to bring them to this place at two dollars and fifty Cents per day for his wagon and Team he Charged for twelve days for Coming & returning, the price and time Charged was believed to be reasonable but I had previously made out my Estimate

I then promised him the Wagoner that when the Emigration was opened, agency his Amount should be Estimated for with others, But the Transportation being Confided last year to Capt McIntosh, he was not authorized to pay it, and I had no funds which I was authorized to apply to it—

Will you be so good as to direct how the wagoner is to be paid and out of what fund —

very respectfully
your Obt Sr
D Montgomery

Hon
Lewis Cass
Secretary of War
Washington City

Emig 37 Cherokee

Wm L McClintock
Fort Preble
Sept 3d 1832
Requesting the balance
due himself and Rend Indians

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To

Hon Jas. H. Hook
Commr. Indn Affairs
Washington
D.C.

FREE SEP 5 MD

Lt

Fort Pike
Sept. 3d 1832

Dear Major

I am at a loss to account for the delay that has been made in transmitting to me the balance due on settlement of my Indian accounts — About one month was all that was necessary to get returns from the Bank at Nashville — Will you be so good as to inquire into this business — and if you can expedite it you will confer a signal favour.

With great respect & esteem
Your Obedt Servt
W. L. McClintock

Major J. H. Hook
Commissary Subs

Enrg 32 Cherokee

W L M C Clintock

Fort Preble 19 Sept

1832

Explanatory of certain

acts with U.S. Bank

at Nashville

Hon George Wilson

Comptr. Genl Treas

Washington

D.C.

Mr Cox

PORTLAND
SEP 20
ME

Fort Pickens

Sept. 19. 1832

Dear Sir

Rec'd Sept

I received today your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing with the copies of two letters addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Cashier of the Branch Bank U. S. at this place, by which it appears he is under the impression that I have overdrawn funds from that Bank to the amount of $453,91.— The enclosed scrap of paper, shows the state of my account with the Bank.—

The sum credited to me of $3,342 was found by the book keeper from which the Cashier deducted $700, the amount of a check not then recorded, and a balance was found due me of $2,642.— These figures were put down by the hand of the Cashier himself.— I had no other transaction with the Bank till the settlement of my accounts by Mr. Easton in your office, when by his advice I drew upon the Bank in favour of the Treasury Dept. for $2,142.— leaving $500 in the Bank, exclusively for the purpose of meeting the check drawn in March in favour of Mr. Carty of Calhoun. Mr. Easton must recollect our conversation on this subject.—

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June 9 — 1832 —

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Capt. W. L. McClintock
agent for Cherokees

1832

with } Copy 2 and
Off. D. U. S. Nashville

Copy

Dr. Capt. Wm. L. McClintock, Agent for removal & Subsistence of Indians

To Office Bank U. States at Nashville

1832 Janr 4	To ys: Ck: to J. G. Williams	7.000	—	1832 Decr 13	By Treasury Warrant No. 2083	10.000	
Mar. 28	To do favor of Treasurer U. States	10.000			" " " 2084	10.000	—
Apr. 7	To Ck favor of Lilly	2.000		1832 Janr 23	By " " " 22	5.000	—
9	To do " Nimrod Walker	98	—	Augt 9	By Balance overdrawn	453	91
May. 3	To do " L. P. Cheatham	2.000	—				
12	To do " D. Ann	30	—				
30	To do " L. P. Cheatham	500	—				
June 1	To do " Lilly	30	—				
9	To do " D. H. Carey	700	—				
	To do " L. P. Cheatham	453	91				
July 5	To do " Treasurer U. S.	2.142					
Augt 9	To do " J. L. McCarty	500	—				
		$25.453	91			$25.453	91
— "	To Balance due	453	91				

Note — It appears from an explanation of Capt. McClintock of the 19th Sept. last, claiming for a statement of his account with the Office & the original of this check, that he had forgot the Ck of the 9th June last in favor of L. P. Cheatham for $453.91 — which was paid after he had obtained a memorandum of his balance with Smith on the same day, when he drew in favor of the Treasurer U. S. for the 2142 — Ck. above —

R. Sommerville Cashr

Emig Cherokee

Mr. Summerville

Nashville

5 July

1832

Sends certificate of deposit made by Capt. McClintock to the Credit of Treasurer

Ans.

NASHVILLE T. T.
JUL 9
1832

Geo. Gibson

Geo. Gibson Esq.

Washington City

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V.

Rec'd. 14 July

Office Bank U. States
Nashville 5th July 1832

Sir —

At the request of W. L. McIntosh Esq. Agent for removal Tribes of the Cherokees I enclose you my Certificate of deposite made by him to the Credit of J. Campbell Esq. Treasurer U. States for $2142 — for the purpose ~~expressed~~ in said Certificate. —

I am. Most respectfully
Your ob. Serv
Nicholas Lemaster Cashr

General
George Gibson
Commissary General of
Subsistence
Washington City.

Genl. 33 C. Rec'd Rec

Wm. L. McClintock

Fort Preble

28th Sept 1832

Harm.d. letter treating of an office table & Case purchased by him at Calhoun

Rec'd 4 Oct

Fort Gibson

Sept. 28. 1832

Sir,

I received this day your letter of 22 last. concerning an office table and case purchased by me at Calhoun and not accounted for. Four articles were left in the office occupied by me, which I considered them as fixtures.— Col. Williams, in whose house I kept my office took charge of them, promising to claim them for my successor.— I was not aware that such items were subject to the strict rules of accountability which govern other property.— The sum is so small to warrant no delay in the settlement of my accounts which would be required to obtain a receipt, and if the articles cannot dispense with the formality, I must acquiesce in the loss of it.—

I am respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. M. Bemiller
Agt Cherokees

Lt. Geo. Gibson
commdg Fort Gibson

To the Commissary Genl.
of Subsistance
Washington City

Calhoun J
1 Jan 1832

Enclosing a letter for Capt
McCulloch.

Recd Jan 1 1832
Ans Jan 4 1832

To the Commissary Genl
of Subsistance
Washington City

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Recd 17 Dec

Cherokee Agency
28th Novr 1832

Sir

The Enclosed bill was inclosed in a letter to me with directions to forward it to Capt McClintock if he had left this place will you be so good as to give it direction to him wherever he may be

Respectfully
your obt St
D Montgomery

Commissary Genl
Sub Substance
Washington City

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR - 1832 S-W Cherokee

Ewing 24 Cherokee

Lt W. Seawell

19th Augt 1832

Rec'd 24 Sept

Office of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees, West, 19th August, 1832.

Sir,

On my arrival at this place, (8th inst.) I called on Capt. Vashon, Cherokee Agent, to whom I reported my instructions as Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees. — Capt. Vashon informed me, that for the want of funds, he had commuted most of the rations due the Indians who have lately emigrated, at 9¢ per ration; and that this course was professed by the Indians. — Your letter (without date) written after my departure from Washington (in) informing me that the commuting of the ration by Capt. Vashon had been reported to the Department, is received. Its contents have been reported to Capt. Vashon, in order that he should cease commuting the rations. — The number of rations commuted by Capt. Vashon amount to 344.

I am now preparing a Master Roll of the Indians, in accordance with your instructions, — the Indians are much scattered, and some time will be required to complete it. — When completed, it will be copied on the printed form and forwarded to you. — Capt. Vashon has furnished me with a copy of a Roll given him by Mr. Curry, the Superintendent of the emigrating Cherokees, — this Roll only gives the number of Reds, whites and blacks, mustered by Mr. Curry before their departure from

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Georgia; some, I understand, came over for commutation allowance, and some have not arrived. — Capt. Vashon can give me no further information on the subject.

With much respect,

I am, Sir,

Your Obt. Svt.

W. Seawell

Lieut. U. S. Army

Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees, West.

To

Brig. Genl. Jesup Gibson

Comy. Genl. of Subs.

Washington City.

(D. C.)

Cherokee
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Lt W. Seawell
Sept 2. 1832

Relating to the claim of Duval & Carne's.

The Cherokees we shall return Indians at once.

Are the slaves of the Emigrants to be returned?

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Recd. 8 Oct

Office of disbursing Agent for the Cherokees, West. 2nd September 1832.

Sir,

I have received two letters from Mess.rs Duval & Carns of Fort Smith, stating, that they had furnished ninety five of the late emigrants with rations for one year, amounting to $3045. and requesting this amount of me, which I have declined, saying unless ordered so to do.— I have understood that those Gentlemen have written to the Secretary of War on the Subject, and as he may think that rations have actually been furnished by them, which is not the case, I have thought it my duty to give you some information relative to it.

When the late emigrants reached this, Mr. Curry, the Superintendent, stated to Capt. Vashon the Agent, that the whites and slaves were not entitled to rations.— Capt. Vashon being of different opinion, promised the emigrants to write to the Secretary of War to know if this was the fact.— The Speculators began buying up those rations excluded by Mr. Curry, and Mr. Carns, of the firm of Duval & Carns, as he says, purchased 95 of those claims at a deduction of 25 per cent, on the amount allowed by Capt. Vashon for the rations, paid in goods, at an exhorbitant price, he, Mr. Carns having been advised by Capt. Vashon, not

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to do so. — I have seen nearly all of those who sold their rations, and with the exception of two, are anxious to receive the rations for their slaves, and settle with Mr Carns for what goods they got of him. — should, however, Mr Carns Claims be paid, there are other speculators, in the same situation, who would wish also to be paid.

The Cherokees wish their rations to be issued to them all at once; — the most part, they generally prefer in Pork, and on the foot, which I am induced to believe can be got as low as Beef, and to be issued in December. — These people are nearly all Farmers, and have sufficient to live on, without receiving what is due them from the Government. — I would recommend this course, as the expense which will attend frequent issues will be saved.

There are a few of the late emigrants, who purchased negroes after they were enrolled, and before leaving for this, — they state that Mr Carry refused enrolling them, but allowed them their passage, they finding their own rations. — I have been requested to state this to you, in order to know, if they are not entitled to rations. — There were three negroes, owned by Indians, at the time those Indians were enrolled, who do not appear on the Rolls

Must they now be put on the Rolls, and be given Rations?—proof of this fact can be had.—
I have also been requested to state, that one of the emigrants, was sent here by land with horses &c belonging to his Father, and as he left his Country before the family was enrolled, he was excluded by Mr. Curry.— Must this man be now enrolled and receive Rations, and will he be allowed for transporting himself?

With much respect,

I have the honor to be
Your Obd.t Serv.t
M. Seawell
Lieu.t U. S. Army
Disbursing Agent for
the Cherokees, West.

Brig.d Gen.l George Gibson
Commissary General of U.S.
Washington City
(D. C.)

Emig 29 Cherokee
Letter of advice
Lt W. Seawell
Oct 7th 1832

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Rec'd 12 Nov

Office of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees West,
7th October 1832.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my accounts &c. for the 3d Quarter of 1832. – Lorenzo Price was employed by Capt. Vashon as Asst. Issuing Com.y from the 8th May to the 6th September, and have paid his account on the certificate of Capt. Vashon. – The Store House charged for by Lorenzo Price, was built by order of Capt. Vashon, and was turned over to me by him, – the charge is a reasonable one and have paid it.

In my account for transportation of Baggage, I have charged transportation, while making out the Muster Roll of the late emigrants as directed by you, – the emigrants were so scattered, that it occupied me upwards of two weeks constantly riding before I could see them all, and my expense while travelling, far exceeded the charge for milage. – It was necessary to take with me during a part of the time some respectable person, as well to assist as to witness the Issues, for whose services, I pay $2 50/100 per day. – The printed form on which I am required to copy the Muster Roll was left at the mouth of White River with my Baggage, and has not yet arrived.

In consequence of the difficulty in procuring Labourers here, I have to request that an Order be obtained, directing the Commanding Officer at Fort Gibson to furnish me with Labourers from his command for the purpose of erecting Store houses, and such other work as may be required by the Department.

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Emig 30 Cherokee
Lt. W. Seawell
7th Oct 1832

Sends a list of the Cherokees
to whom Duval & Carnes
issued rations

Rec'd. 12 Nov.

Office of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees
West, 7th October, 1832.

Sir,

At the request of Mr. Carns of the firm of Duval & Carns of Fort Smith, I enclose you a list of the late Cherokee emigrants to whom he states he has furnished rations for one year. - I have been informed by some of the persons named on his list, that they had sold their claims to Mess. Duval & Carns. - It appears by this list, that one of the emigrants, Edward Bean, has sold his claims for two rations. - Bean has been drawing his rations for his family. -

With much respect,
I am Sir,
Your Obdt. Servt.
W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army
Disbursing Agent for the
Cherokees West.

To
Brgdr. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington City
(D. C.)

Enmig 32 Cherokee
A. W. Seawell
Nov. 11th 1832
Relative to the claim of
Duval & Carnes.

Fort Gibson
Nov 12th

On Public Service

Emigration of Indians,

Commissary General of Subsistence,

Washington City.

(S. G.)

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Office of Disbursing Agent for the
Rec'd 28 Dec Cherokees West. - 11th November 1832.

Sir,

Since my letter of the 2nd September, Messrs. Duval & Carns of Fort Smith, have obtained an order directing Capt. Vashon, the Agent, to draft for the claims for negroes rations purchased by them, previous to my arrival here. - I have to report to you, that I am informed, those gentlemen are still purchasing claims for rations. - They have purchased from the late Cherokee Emigrants, George Ward nine rations, and John H. Stone four rations. - The Indians who have rations due them, will not draw before the next month. - A muster Roll of the late Emigrants will be forwarded by the next mail. -

I have the honor to be
with much respect
Your Obt Servt.
W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army
Disbursing Agent for the
Cherokees. West.

To
Brigr Genl George Gibson
Comd Genl of Subsistence
Washington City
(D. C)

Emig 16 Cherokee

Capt S P Taylor

Louisville

5 March 1832

Has drawn for six hundred dollars in favour of Edward Shipper Esqr on account of supplies for Indians.

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Extract

Louisville 5 March 1832

Genl:

I have this day drawn on you for six hundred dollars in favor of Edwd. Shippen Esq. on account of supplies for * Indians as advised on yesterday.

Very Respectfully
Yr: Mo: Ob: St:
(Signed) S. P. Taylor
Cap. & Com of Subs

Gen: Geo: Gibson:
Com. Gen. Subs:
Washington City

* Cherokees

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Ens 19 Cherokee

J. P. Taylor

Louisville

3 March 1832

Encloses returns for last

Quarter on account of

Disbursements of

Cherokees — —

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Apl 11th.

Louisville 3d March 1832

General,

I send you inclosed my returns for the last quarter on acct of disbursements for the Cherokee Indians.

With great respect
your obt. s.
S P Taylor
Capt. Quarty Mast.

General Gen Gibson
C. G. S
Washington City.

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Emig 23 Cherokee

A. Toland

Shel.a Nov 15 '32

Relative a draft on War Department signed by Mr. Vashon and sent by Mr. Duval &c

Hon

William O. Collins Esq

Washd &

City of Washington

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Referred Nov 17

Note. The draft was pd. on the representation of Mr. Kurtz that Maj Lewis deemed the letter of Mr. Duval equivalent to an endorsement. E

City of Washington

Phila: Nov 15 1832

Wm B Lewis Esq

Dear and d c

Dear Sir / I hand you enclosed a letter from Mr W. Duval, dated Fort Smith, Arkansas Oct 12th to Mrs Eliza Jones, contg an order on the War Dept signed by Ex. Parker - agent of Cherokees West, dated Agent Off. May 19th 1832 on the Secy of War, in favor of Architecto Nelmes, for Ninety Seven 50/100 Dollars, accompanied by the voucher - Mr. Duval has omitted to endorse this draft, which is remitted by him to Mrs Jones, to pay the board of his daughter, living with her.

The letter is forwarded, and may be retained by the Department, hoping in that way to supply the want of Mr Duvals endorsement, as the letter shews clearly that the property of the draft is his, and for what purpose it was remitted - Please endorse me a check therefor on the Bank here, to the order of Mrs Eliza Jones and oblige yours very respectfully

Kenny Mack

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Sub Department

Geo: Vashon

Cherokee Nation
West
16th May

May 5 1832

Col 2n — 21.400 — 2n 1.... 39.500

Cultn - 29.400

Cattle 1/10th 5000

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Recd July 2

West. Cher: Nation Agents Office May 16th 1832.

The Hon. Lewis Cass.
Secretary of War
Sir,

I have the honor to report the arrival of the late Cherokee Emigrants under superintendence of Major Currey, who has filed in this Office, a Report, purporting to be a Copy of the report made by him to the Dept. exhibiting the balance due on the valuation of their Improvements payable here viz. $28643.94, exclusive of them reported of doubtful title.

Major Currey turned over to me for the use of those Emigrants in part of the year's supply of Provisions due them per treaty stipulation, 24 Barrels pickled Pork, 24 Barrels Flour, and forty Bushels Meal, which will be issued as they may require. The requisition of the Supt. also requires that I should Ration them for the remainder of the year, or where they prefer it, to commute the same by Drafts on the Department in lieu thereof. A competent issuing commissary has been employed at a Dollar & quarter per day. Major Currey also states in his communication that Negroes, the slaves of the Emigrants, and Whites who accompanied them and are not intermarried with Cherokees, cannot be Rationed from and after their arrival here at the cost of the Government. The Emigrant slave-holders have therefore requested me to apply to the Department for the years supply of Provisions for their Slaves, which they think themselves entitled to, under the 8th article of the Treaty of 6th May 1828: and finding it somewhat difficult to assign a sufficient & satisfactory reason for withholding the year's supply of Provisions from those who were considered by the Supt. of Emigration, as being entitled to Transportation & Provisions, by the way, I have to solicit the instructions of the Department upon the subject; and, if permitted, would recommend the application to the most favorable consideration of the Dept.

There are also some White Children (whose Parent subsequently intermarried

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intermarried & has Indian Children, and has Emigrated with all the Children (both White & Red) who are excluded by the Superintendents requisition, from the benefit of the year's supply of Provisions. Their unfortunate situation appears to have a fair, tho humble, claim on the munificence of the government, and I think a liberal construction of the Treaty, would give them a just claim with the rest of the family to the years subsistence after their arrival here — the case is therefore presented, and the favorable consideration of the Department most respectfully & earnestly solicited.

The Emigrants generally prefer taking Drafts in lieu of Provisions and therefore no contract for furnishing them with Provisions has yet been made — the partial supply received of Major Currey will probably meet their demands, but if it should appear that a further supply may be required by the Emigrants, it shall be timely provided, at about nine cents per ration.

It may therefore be expected that the Amounts for Capitation allowance, and for the year's supply of Provisions to the late Emigts. will be speedily settled by Drafts on the Department, estimating each Persons year's Rations, at thirty two dollars & fifty cents, which may be considered a fair estimate of the cost to the government, if furnished by contract, and more satisfactory to the Emigrants.

The balance due on the Valuation of Improvements, was promised by Major Currey, to be paid them by me on their arrival here, and finding that funds were not here for that purpose, great disappointment has been expressed — an early Payment therefore might ~~might~~ have a favorable influence on subsequent Emigration.

With a hope that the course pursued, in the absence of specific instructions, will meet the approbation of the Department,

I have the honor to be, Most respectfully, Your Most Obedient servt.

Geo: Vashon Agt. C. W.

3 Emig 1 Cherokee

Jno: Vashon

Agent for Ch: Wesh

May 16. 1832

Reports arrival ch: Emigrants under Major Currey, who had turned over to him provisions intended in part for the year's supply. Sec has directed that negro Slaves and white children of such parents be excluded from year's supply — Emigrants prefer drafts, to provisions — will draw as well on that account, as for bounty — alludes to balance due on valuation of improvements — &c.

Emig 3. Cherokee

Geo. Vashon

Sept 4th 1832

Cherokee nation west

Reports a return & abstract of provisions rec.d for Maj. Curry, and a rec.t of Lieut. Scovell for provisions turned over to him, and an abstract of drafts drawn in commuting the year's supply.

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Recd 22 Octr

West. Cherokee Nation
Agents Office September 9th 1832

Genl. Geo: Gibson
Com: Genl. Sub:
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your instructions of 6th July, and to report herewith, per forms furnished by Lieut: W. Seawell, a Return and Abstract of the Provisions received of Major Currey, Supt. Cherokee Emigration, and issued to his Emigrating Party, together with Lieut: Seawell's receipt for the balance of the Provisions turned over to him. And also an Abstract of the Drafts drawn in commuting the said Emigrants Claims for the years supply of Provisions, upon the requisition of Major Currey, where the Emigrants prefered getting drafts instead of Provisions. This Abstract is formed with a view to present a Register of the Emigrants embraced in the Supt. requisition, the Provisions issued to them, and the settlement by draft.

My account current will, on the 30th inst. exhibit the settlements made since the 30th June, which I hope will enable the Auditing Officer to close my account without difficulty. No Provisions having been purchased by me, it is hoped that this report embraces all that your instructions required.

Most Respectfully
I am Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Geo: Vashon, Agt.
Chrs. West.

Envy 5 Cherokee

Geo Vashon
Dec 12th 1832

Has furnished Lt. Seawell
with additional abstracts
of drafts drawn in com
muting the year's supply of
provisions to Cherokees

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Genl: Geo Gibson
Com: Genl: Subst.

West: Cherokee Nation,
Agents Office, December 12th 1832,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your instructions of 22 & 23 October; and to report that a few days previous to the receipt of said letters, I had furnished upon Lieut Seawells application, an additional Abstract of all the Drafts drawn by me upon the Department of War, on account of the years subsistence to the late Cherokee Emigrants (reported by Major Curry) shewing when, and in whose favor each Draft was drawn, and the number of persons, including slaves subsistence, commuted in each; and also to whom provisions had been issued, by me.

I have since seen Lieut. Seawell and he informed me that said Abstract embraces all the information on the subject, necessary to enable him to perform in a satisfactory manner, my requisite duty.

And it exhibits all the information upon the subject, in my possession.

Most Respectfully, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Geo: Vashon, Agt.

Cherokee

W. Ward. Cherokee
Agency Dec 19th 1839

He has used certain money,
which he had been requested
to deposit in Bank, in
expenses at the Agency

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Recd 7 January

Choctaw Agency Dec. 19th 1832

Sir

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 12th Ult. requesting me to Deposite $463.34/100 in the Branch Bank at Natchez.

I have to inform you that I have used this money in Expenses &c at the Agency and have given Credit for the same in my accounts rendered on the 1st Oct. last to the 2nd Aud. of the Treas. Dept. — This sum was for and on account of Cattle sold by Col. Bryan and Deposited with me by Directions.

I have the Honor to be very Respectfully your Mo Obt. Servt

W. Ward

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comr. of Genl. Land Offs.

Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR - 1833 C-D

Geo. Gibson Esq.
Sec. of War

Sir

Sept. 1833

Coowesville

proposing to furnish provisions to the Cherokees while at the Agency &c

Sec. Hon. Chas. F. Mercer
Staunton

Rec'd 1 March

Cowansville
Rhea County
Feby 9th 1833

Sir

Believing that the Cherokee Tribe of Indians during the present Sesion of Congress will agree to negotiate with the General Government in Treaty and knowing that all the issuing of Rations is to be done through the Agency of your Department. I have thought proper to propose a Contract for furnishing the Indians while at the Agency and for their outfit for Arkansas the Hon James Standifer is instructed to Communicate with you on that Subject and to Close a Contract if necessary and the Terms can be agreed Upon

I am Very Respectfully
Your obt Sr

George Gibson Esqr
C. G. S.

James Cowan

Not to be answered

Envg 153 Cherokee
Benj F. Currey. Wash
Mar. 22d. 1833
Washington

Asking permission to de=viate from the regulations as to the number of Ind. to go in one wagon

Lt. Gen. Atkinson
Comd. Jas. Cantonment
McKinney

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Recd 22 March

Washington Mar 22 1833

Genl George Gibson

Sir

In assembling the Indians much inconvenience has been experienced in consequence of the difficulty of getting them together and it is almost always the case that a much less number than fifty accompany one waggon. (And but one is allowed to that number.) I wish therefore to have a discretion by which I may be allowed to deviate so far in this respect from the Regulations as circumstances may absolutely demand

It is desirable also that a form of Requisition; for the payment of ~~money~~ actually Disbursing Agent be prescribed by the Department

I Have the Honor to be
most Respectfully
your very obt Servt
Benj. Burney

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Ind affairs,

Benj F Currey to
Elbert Herring Esq
Cherokee Agency Dec 25
1832.

Has paid over to Lt. Wm
Day ~~Disb~~ Agt. 1007 $ —
for ~~which~~ he encloses his
receipt.

Says Richard Hinson
and family after having
enrolled and gone West last
Spring have returned.

Rfd. 20 Jan. 33

Referred Jany 20th

Cherokee Agency Decr 25 1832

Elbert Herring Esqr

Bureau of Ind. Affs

Sir

Lieut Wm Day having reported himself as Disbursing Agent under the directions of the Comdg Genl I deemed it my duty and accordingly paid over One Thousand Seven Dollars for which I stand charged at the Treasury by a requisition from the Secy of War No 3096. Enclosed you will find his receipt therefor Be so good as to have me credited ~~and~~ and Lieut Day charged with the same at the Treasury

Recent information has been received that Richard Hinson a white man at the head of a Cherokee family who enrolled and received a Commutation last Spring under the regulations of the Department after going to the West has returned with his family who have again settled within the Cherokee Territory East - the Agent has however been directed to remove him & his family as intruders

On the first intimation that this family intended returning I directed Capt Vashon Agent for the Cherokees West to withhold the funds due them for abandoned improvements until otherwise directed by the Department or such time as he should be satisfied Hinson would in good faith comply with his undertaking

Since the above communication was made to Capt Vashon it has been suggested that said Hinson has sold his claim for abandoned improvements to some person who

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will visit Washington this winter & who may insist on payment there. As Hinson has ~~not complied~~ with the provisions of the Treaty of May 6th 1828 under which he enrolled and removed westwardly nothing can be properly claimed by him & he ought to be held accountable for all that he has received

At the time the commutation for transportation subsistence ~~was~~ given ~~Hinson~~ Capt McClintock took his bond for a faithful compliance with his contract

Should said Bond be on file at the Department & it is considered advisable on transmitting the same to myself or the Ind Agent Colo Montgomery with instructions to do so suit will be brought thereon forthwith

The value of his property is more than equal to the Amt of the forfeiture & it might be well to make an example of him in case he does not return immediately accompanied by his Cherokee family in order to prevent similar abuses as well as to reimburse the Govt in the Amt already paid out

I Have the Honor to be
Most Respectfully
Your very Obt Servt

Ben F. Currey

Emig 160 Cherokee

Benj. F. Currey

April 29th 1833 -

Speaks of the opposition from the leading men to enrolment — and of the scarcity of bonds.

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Cherokee Agency Apl 29 1833

Colo Geo Gibson

Comy Genl Subsistence

Recd 16 May

Sir

Your conferring a discretionary power in assembling cherokees where the same neighborhood does not afford the number required by the Regulations for one waggon but the form of a requisition by the Superintendent or Disbursing Agent for the payment of accounts of which mention is made must through an oversight have been left out as it was not found under the envelope covering your letter of the 9th Inst

Richard Hutson a cherokee emigrant who with his family were reported as having returned from Arkansas has again taken up the line of March at his own expense westwardly where he says he is determined to remain

There will be a council held in this nation commencing the 12th May next but instead of finding advocates for a treaty among the late delegates they appear to be using every means to prevent any arrangement

Should the enrolling business be opened during the present summer would it not be well to ration those who are dis-

Emy Cherokee

Benj F. Currey to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs
April 26th 1833

Respectfully referred to the Comy Genl of Subsistence, for answer.

Off Indian Affrs
May 25. 1833

Says:

"Richard Hinson, who returned to this Country from Arkansas has with his family gone back. Would it not be well to instruct the Agent there to pay his dues annually by instalments so as to save the Govt. from loss by any future attempts on his part as fraud

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Rec'd May 25

Extract of a letter from Benj. F. Curry, to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated ~~25th Dec 1832~~ April 26. 1833.

"Richd Hinson who returned to this country from Arkansas, has with his family gone back. Would it not be well to instruct the Agent West to pay his dues annually by instalments so as to save the Government from loss by any future attempts on his part at fraud."

(Letter filed in Indian Office)

than one letter which is in relation to the removal of intruders from the spoiled parts of the nation If he has played false in telling them the whites are to be removed from all parts of the Cherokee settlements without regard to state authorities, and they satisfied of that fact, it will have a tendency to strengthen the Indian party and weaken his own influence which must be done before ever a large minority will consent to dispose of their proportional interest in this Country Respectfully

R. F. Currey

Referred from Ind. Bureau June 5

Talking Rock Geo May 5 1833

Elbert Herring Esq.

Rec'd 6 June

Commr Ind Affs

Sir

Having need for funds I made out my account for services up to the 22nd march last & called on Capt Day not long since to pay the same —he took one whole day to consider before he could find the least colouring of authority in the Regulations concerning Indian Removals for obeying my requisition in this respect. I am well satisfied that in placing that gentleman here it was expected of him to comply with requisitions of the Superintendent where they were in accordance with the Regulations established by the Comrs Genl Subsistence But he looks for special orders from the War Department to obey my requests as he construes it "because no one can rank him unless he is higher in commission and attached to the Regular service" Capt McClintock & Lieut Lancy instead of supposing it a degradation to obey my orders authorised would not act unless by order from me as superintendent All that I wish to obtain by this letter is an explanation from one of his acknowledged superiors that he is not by his mere sic volo to lay an embargo upon my movements when I am acting in accordance with my instructions from the War Department.

The Capt myself get along pretty well but I believe his sentiments "that the Sec of war is wrong in supposing he has no Constitutional power to remove the white People who have by the extension of State Laws settled on Lands claimed by the Indians as well as "that the President is bound by oath to fulfil treaty stipulations" expressed in reference to Cherokee matters is calculated to retard & thwart the views & wishes of Govt rather than to promote them—his feelings & sentiments appear to have a correspondence with those of the leading Indian Aristocracy and although

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he has a rights which the Govt did not require him to surrender when he became a public functionary — "freedom of thot & the liberty of speech" I would suggest the expediency of his rejoining his Company & when a successor is appointed that he should have more prudence & discretion, even if his sentiments should be the same, with his, than to utter those sentiments in the ear of the Indians for you may rely on it that such things are seized upon with great avidity by the headmen & generally circulated to prove that the professions of the Executive are hypocritical

Solomon F Simmons a white man in the limits of Georgia advised Jos M Lynch to the arrest & detention of Hamages property He has also been engaged in exciting Indians to set up claims to property abandoned & relinquished more than a year ago His using persuasions with white people to connive at these attempts saying they can attend it for a liper price under Indian occupants than under the fortunate drawers in the land lottery but this is now left for correction by the State authorities

Wm Cooper & Robt Berry who enrolled some considerable time since have been elected & commissioned Judges of the Court of Common pleas & quarter sessions Before this took place these people received an order on the disbursing agent for money in commutation of Transportation agreeing to remove themselves, but did not get it, in as much as they were required to muster at the Agency before the payment could be made which has not yet been done Having been informed of their readiness to be off & that they were both somewhat indebted & amenable to the Laws of Ga, to enable them to get off I endorsed notes covering their debts payable by the Govt on condition that the War Department approved the ~~same~~ valuation of their property & they White Men with their Indian families removed to Arkansas

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When my last estimate was submitted for monies due on Improvements at the Eastern & Western Agencies I did not intend to exercise the authority of making any more pledges of the faith of Govt by endorsing rolls upon some new order issuing from those who have controll of my official conduct. The reason why I advert to this circumstance is the order lately issued from you to Cols A Montgomery Concerning Certificates directing him to notify Whites as well as Indians that no more will be paid by him &c If this order relates to rolls given by emigrants who have since gone & endorsed by myself to liquidate their unsettled accounts in this country the most superficial observer could not but remark that ~~this order~~ it is intended as a censure of my official conduct & must involve me in much trouble But if on the other hand it is intended to prevent or discourage an accumulation of debts due from Indians to lawless speculators. I coincide with the Department in the policy & justice of such a course In the course of a week or two from this date the result of the ~~present~~ council will be communicated. In the mean time you may calculate on my best exertions to bring matters to a satisfactory termination.

I Have the Honor to be

Most Respectfully

Your Very Obt Servt

Ben. F. Currey

PS There are some cherokees who are impressed with the belief that Ross has not shown all the correspondence between him & the Department & therefore desire through me that a copy thereof be furnished. He has published more

Emig Cherokee

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B. F. Currey

27th June 1833

Has left a Roll of Emigrant Cherokees with Isaac Herring &c.

Rob Jno Ellison

Can Jas Ellison

Hawkins Co Tn

Do certify the above Emigration

Emig 28th 1833

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Recd 10th July

Cherokee Agency June 27 1833

Colo Geo Gibson
Com Gen Subs.ce

On my return from the interior of the Nation: Indian settlements yesterday I received yours of the 30th April - the 16th & 28 May with one of the 7th June

Previous to the receipt of yours of the 21st Jany to which reference is made in that of the 7th June I had made out a Roll of the Emgt Cherokees & when at the City left it with Judge Herring On returning to this place finding the roll had not been deposited in the proper Office I concluded the Commissioner would of Course have it Conveyed to the proper Depts,

Until after this roll had been completed through an oversight or miscarriage in the mails I was entirely without the benefit of a copy of the Regulations - this I hope will excuse my ignorance on the subject

My Book containing the names of the Emigrants is in Georgia: I am by no means stationary but will set out for the settlements in a few days & will as soon thereafter as possible furnish you a copy of the roll forwarded to the Subsistence Officer for the Western Cherokees

Most Respectfully
I Have the honor to be
Your Very Obedient Servant

Ben. F. Currey

Emig 172 Cherokee

B. F. Currey

July 11th 1833

A disbursing Agt. asked for. One whose political sentiments accord with those of the president is recommended.

Saml Ballard and Jno Rogers two Emigrants have returned in violation of their agreement & will be prosecuted

Rec'd Copy

Cherokee Agency July 18th 1833

Colo George Gibson

Comy Genl Subsistence.

The war department having under the directions of the President ordered the opening of Books and authorized the Governor of Georgia to appoint two persons to aid me in enrolling the names of such as give their assent to a treaty on the terms heretofore proposed to the Cherokee people as well as to send offsuch of the reserves under the Treaties of 1817-19 as are ready to remove a disbursing agent will be required to meet the requisitions necessarily attending the progress of these measures.

Whether this disbursing officer shall only pay out monies or whether he shall attend generally to transportation & subsistence has been a matter of doubt will you be so good as to decide the question & give instructions accordingly

For this Station would it not be well to dispatch an officer whose views are known to accord with those of the executive of the U. S.

The assistant enrolling Agents are to be on a per diem allowance of $4. Besides their expenses they will each be furnished an Interpreter at Two Dollars & fifty cts per day The Superintendent will also have an Interpreter employed at the same allowance

Whether any or what number of the reserves will remove shortly is uncertain: but there are some families in the nation who under former enrollments have signified a wish to remove early in the fall

Saml Ballard & Jno Rogers two white emigrants at the head of Indian families having returned in violation of their engagements will be proceeded against as directed in similar cases heretofore

I have the Honor to be
Most Respectfully
your very Obt Servt

Benj. F. Currey

Cherokee

Letter
J. H. McDay
Calhoun Tennessee
Jany 4th 1833

Sends Returns of disbursements for 4th qr 1832
also a note made by Mr. Curry relative to Mr. Hinson & family. &c

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Rec'd. 18 Jany

Calhoun Co. Tennessee
Jany 14th 1833

Sir

Enclosed you will receive my returns for disbursements made to the [illegible] this place in the quarter ending 31st Decr. 1832. The number you will perceive that have been paid the commutation are thirty one. Mr. Curry informs me that there will probably be one hundred & fifty that have been enrolled that will emigrate between this and the spring. This number I have estimated for. I have understood from Mr. Curry that the enrolment has been discontinued by an order from the war department. I enclose a note made by Mr. Curry relative to Richard Findon & family who received the commutation from Capt. McClintock at an emigrant, who has subsequently returned

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by whom a bond was given for his emigration. I have thought proper to take a similar bond from those that I paid.

I also enclose an account for the Potage of two boats through the "Muscle Shoals" which appears by the certificates of the Agents, and of Mr. Curry, to be a [illegible] I have thought proper to pay to Mr. Lewis Ross to whom it was transferred the amount; the account is not in form and the persons are not at this place to have it made so. The charges for my extra pay allowances &c, I believe are correct, I have charged for transportation that of a Captain as my promotion to that grade will date from the time of the decease of Major Beall.

A deputation from the Nation of the Cherokees left here a few days since for Wshington City consisting of four persons two or three of which are principal Chiefs, they appear

to be highly opposed to emigrating and to the proceedings of the State of Georgia in regard to extending their jurisdiction over a part of their Nation.

I am entirely out of blanks.

I am Sir Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Wm. Ay. Ld. 1st Lby.
Asst. Agent for Cherokee Emn. Indians

Brigadier Genl. Geo. Gibson
Commy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington City

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Lt. W. Day's
Estimate of funds
required for the
Quarter ending
31st March 1833

Cherokees ext.

Recd 18. Jany '33

Filed - Jany 23. 1833

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Estimate of funds required in the removal and Subsistence of the Indians for the Quarter ending 31st March 1833 with the application, in detail, intended to be made of them by Lt. Wm. Clay, U. S. A. Asst. Agent.

For the Transportation of One hundred & fifty Indians at the Commutation of	$18. 2700	00
Balance on hand	396	00
Amount required Dolls.	2304	00

Wm. Clay Lt. 1st Infy.
Asst Agent for Cherokee Em. Indians

Richard Hinson a cherokee emigra
Capt McClintock advanced a commutatio
to him for himself & family & took his
bond to settle in Arkansas under the pro
visions of the Treaty of May 6th 182
Hinson has returned and consequently
forfeited his bond. If the Bond is in
the Com Genl Office it ought to be re
turned. He not only sued but removed
as an intruder from this nation

Emig - 18 Cherokee

Letter of Sth Am.
Day Calhoun
Feby 2nd 1833

Sends a Abst. of Disbm.
for January - Has no
funds &c.

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Recd 22 fby

Calhoun East Tennessee
February 2nd 1833

Sir

Enclosed you will receive an Abstract of disbursements made in the month [illegible] 33 to Indians &c at this place.

The number of Indians that have been enrolled that have not yet applied for Transportation I am informed by Mr. Curry are upwards of one hundred it is impossible to say how many of this number will come forward, they are quite tardy in their operations. I presume the cause to be the enrolment having been discontinued they are waiting to learn what further steps the Government may take in the affair.

You will perceive that I am entirely out of funds, I received some blanks, but one of each, in the Cherokee is to be=

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Monthly Abstract
of Disbursements
for Transportation
for the Month of
Jany. 1833

Recd. Feby 22

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MONTHLY ABSTRACT *of Disbursements for the Transportation of the* **Indians** *for the Month of* Jany 31st, 1833, by Lieut William Day Agent in the Removal and Subs of Indians

DATES.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PAID.	Dollars.	Cents.	REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c.
Jany 31st 1833	Rattling Fox & Neaky	For Transportation	378	00	
"	Miles Cochran	" Services	4[illegible]	00	
"	Jo Wm Day	" Services	62	00	
		Dolls.	480	00	

I Certify *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Signed Wm Day Lieut 1st Inf'y
Agent *In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.*

Dated February 1st, 1833

Lieut Wm McCay's
Accounts for
the Month of Jany.
1833

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The **United States**,

To Lieut William Day Dr.

Date.		Dollars.	Cents.
Jany. 31st 1833	To allowance for Month	20	00
"	" Quarters "	20	00
"	" Forrage "	16	00
"	" Fuel "	6	00
	Dollars	62	00

Received at Calhoun Tennessee Jany. 31st 1833 of Lieut William Day Agent of the United States for the Removal and Subsistence of Indians, Sixty-two Dollars, and Cents, in full of the above Account.

Wm Day Lt. 1st Drgs.
Agent in the Removal and Sub. of Indians

Ans 20 Cherokee

Capt Wm Ogy
Calhoun 15th Feby 1835

Enclosing a recept for
$2300 —

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Recd. 11th March

Calhoun Tennessee Feby. 15th 1833

Sir

Enclosed I forward you receipts for Two Thousand three hundred Dollars to be approprated to expenses of the Cherokee emigration; The emigrants are coming in slowly, I have no news to give you in respect to the emigration.

I am Sir Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

[illegible] Capt. U.S.A.
Asst. Agt. Cherokee Emd.

To
Brigadier Genl. Geo: Gibson
Commisy. Genl. of Subs:
Washington City

24 Chickasaw

Capt. Wm. Day

Calhoun, Ga. April 4th 1833

Sends the returns appertaining to 1qr. 1833.

Speaks of the claim of Mr. Davis &c.

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Rec.d 17 april

Cadham Co. Tenn. Apl. 14th 1833

Sir

Enclosed you will receive the returns appertaining to the emigration of Indians for the Quarter ending 31st March 1833 as may be seen. You will find in vouchers No. 2 a Receipt of Moses Cochran for $40. This was a contract entered into by Capt. Carey for the transportation of this Party. They were lying at the Agency at the time and there was no other means by which we could have them transported, and I therefore deemed it best both as regards economy & the convenience of the Indians to adopt this mode, or rather approve of the contract.

The claim of Mr. David has been presented which I was obliged to send back to him the note being in form, he being absent in Kentucky it will of course be some days

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before I receive it. Mr. Currey left here some time since for Washington City & is uncertain whether or not he may be here to put his requisition on the account; You will please inform me if I am to pay it, the account being correct without the requisition.

I have deducted from the charge made in my last a/c the difference in transportation being $11.70 between the amount charged and that allowed; the Voucher rejected I have returned as it was spoilt contitionally.

I think it highly probable that the close of the present month will make a finish of the emigration; many of those that have enrolled will not come forward seeing that the system has been discontinued. My services at this place I presume of course will not be required after that period. You will please direct what shall be done with the balance of funds on hand if any there shall be unexpended at the

time of my leaving.

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
[illegible]
Capt. 1st Cav.

To
Brigadier Genl. Geo. Gibbon
Commdg. Genl. of Dist.
Washington City

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Commissary Gen'l of Subsistence LR - 1833 H - W Cherokee

Emig 11 Cherokee

Nath Hobart & Co.

Boston, July 3d 1833

A receipt for $237 from Rob Smith in payment of a draft dated Western Cherokee Nation 29 March 1833.

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Emigration of Indians.

Office Commissary Gen. Sub.

Washington.

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Rec'd July 8

Boston July 3d 1833.

Received of Richard Smith Esq. Two Hundred & Fifty Seven 50/100 Dollars, being in full for draft dated "Nation Cherokee Nation March 27 1833."

$257.50

Nath'l Hobart & Co.

Aug 12 Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris
Portsmouth 19th Aug.
1833

Will come to Wash.
in a few days to receive
instructions relative Ind.
Rem.

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Rec'd. Aug. 23.

Portsmouth N.H.
19th Aug. 1833

Sir

I had the honour to receive your communication of the 13th inst. enclosing "Spec. Order No. 122," on the 19th inst.

A return of the rheumatism has confined me to my bed for the most part, — today is the first of my sitting up, or yours to above would have been acknowledged by return of mail.

There is nothing of my sickness remaining but a little debility which will wear off in the course of a very few days — when I shall be very ready & able to proceed to Washington to receive your instructions previous to my entering upon my new duties.

There is no apprehension of a return of rheumatism in the country to which I am going — this is the first attack of consequence I have had for more than 15 months — and I never came off of a bed of sickness under better auspices.

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Accept Sir a warm return of thanks for the honour which you have done me by promoting me to a duty so agreeable to my wishes, and

Believe me Sir

With Very great Respect

Your Mo Obt Svt

Lot M. Morris

1st Lieut. 3d Regt

R. C. S

Brig Genl

Geo. Gibson

Commy Gen. Subs

Wd. S. Hoag

The usual Surgeons Certificates accompanying pass daily will be substituted when I report in person.

J. M.

Emig 14 Cherokee
Lt. J. W. Harris
21st Sept 1833
Calhoun Tenn:
~~Report of Disbursements~~
~~at Calhoun Dist. Ag.~~

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Sept 27th 1833 -

Emigration of Indians
Commissary Gen.l of Subsistence
Washington City

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Recd. 9 Oct

Calhoun E Terr.
21st Septr 1823

Sir

I have the honour to report my arrival this day at Calhoun agreeably to your instructions.

The Enrolling Agent, Maj: Curry is at present absent, engaged in his duties in the Nation. His return is not looked for, for some weeks.

From the U. S. Agent for the Cherokees Col. Montgomery I learn that the business of Enrolling goes on prosperously. Col. M. has already about 200 on his list — these independent of what Maj Curry & his assistants may have, the number of which is unknown at the agency.

Transportation in kind, it is understood, will be required by most of those who enroll this Season.

As information which Maj Curry alone can give will be necessary to enable me to estimate for the disbursements of the ensuing quarter I shall endeavour to see him the ensuing week

With very great respect
I am Sir
Your Mo Obt Servt
Lot Mason

Brig Genl
J Geo Gibson
Commg Genl Subs

My apology for not addressing
the Communication to you upon
the paper is that such is not
at present to be obtained in Market.

Yours respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Emig 15 — Cherokee

T. J. C. Harris

Oct 10th 1833 —

Calhoun Tenn:

Sends his acct Survey for 3 qrs and an estimate of funds for 4 qr

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Rec'd Nov.

Calhoun E. Tenn.
10th Octr. 1833

Sir

I have the honour to cover with this my Account Current for the 3d Quarter together with Estimate of Funds for the 4th.

It is impossible at present to estimate with any accuracy the Expenses of Emigration for the Coming Year. The data which I have taken down as the basis of the Estimate Enclosed are necessarily in a measure, Conjectural — established however after a Consultation with the Superintendant of the Removal, and after having availed myself of such other means of information as were within my reach. The first body of Emigrants will probably be prepared to leave their Country early in January, certainly in December. I have consequently included the probable cost of its Subsistence & transportation in my Estimate for this Quarter.

The Cherokees continue to enroll. There are now 3 to 400 already on the lists & the number is daily increasing. It is a current opinion here

that there is a strong feeling of dissatisfaction pervading the Nation, and that many are only waiting for another position of the Council to treat, to offer themselves as emigrants. The National Council will commence on Monday the 14th inst. and the people of the Country look forward to its decisions with deep anxiety. —

Maj. Carey is still absent in the Nation and Sergt. Clay is at present disabled from the discharge of his more active duties by some lameness in consequence of an ulcerated leg.

I have the honour to be, Sir
With Very great Respect
Your Mo. Obt Svt
Jos. M. Lewis
Lt. & Disb. Agent

Brig. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comm. Genl. Subsistence
U. S. Army

I have reason to believe that there must be letters lying for me at the post office at Washington city — if so, will you have the kindness to have them forwarded?

Mr Eaton

Lt. J. W. Harris'
Estimate of Funds
4th. Qr. 1833

Cherokees Est.

Dec. 31. 1833 – Deposited in N. Orleans
$10,000.– See letter of this date

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Estimate of Funds required for the Cherokee Removal for the quarter ending 31st day of December 1833

Subsistence

Pork for 500 emigrants for 40 days - being 75 bbls @ $6 - $450
Flour " " " " " " " 100 bbls. @ $5 - 500

Transportation of

500 Emigrants in flats from Calhoun to Florence at $2 per hd $1000
500 " " Steamboat " Florence " the Kansas " $6 " " 3000
10 Wagons - transportation of property &c to boats - 5 days @ $3. diem 150
100 Emigrants receiving Commutation (transp. &c) @ $18 per hd. 1800

Contingencies

Special Agents' Quarterly Salary @ $2000 per ann. - 500
Two Enrolling Agents for 91 days @ $4 per diem - 728
One Disbursing Agent " three Months " $61 " month - 183
Three Interpreters for 91 days at $2 50/100 per diem. - 683
Three Assistants to superintend loading of wagons &c 20 days @ $2 50/100 - 150
Other Contingencies, transportation of Agents, Expresses &c - 500

Total - $9644

Unexpended balance on hand 30th Septr. 1833 - $4897 45/100
Deduct arrears due Agents &c - claims unprecedented - 1100

Balance carried to Expenses of the ensuing quarter $3797 45/100

Total Amount required - $5846 55/100

Lot Morris
Ct. Disbg Agent

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may be required during the emigration will only be confined to the place of destination. This does not interfere with the rule allowing the traveling expenses back.

You will furnish ~~[illegible]~~ Lieut. Washington Farwell, Dist. Agt. for Cherokees west, at Fort Gibson, ~~if~~ with information on the subject of the removal - and notify him in time for the reception of the emigrants.

~~Enclosed is a copy of a letter to G. G.~~
~~Jno Ewing~~

Copy 2nd Instt.
Mr. J. M. Harris,
Dist. Agt. Cherokees
Washington
Ist Sept.

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Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Gen. Subs.
January 2. 1834

Lieut. J. W. Harris
Disbursing Agent ~~Cherokees~~
Calhoun.

Sir,

Your account for 3d quarter 1833 has been examined in this Office, and is correct. You will assume the Balance therein stated, to wit $4901.39.

In yours of the 1st ultimo you say "should the Seminoles or Creeks commence their emigration next year, I beg that I may be transferred to either of those removals, the former would be preferred". Nothing is yet known with regard to the removal of these tribes. Your application will be filed.

It is suggested that Interpreters and other inferior assistants may be employed for less than $2.50 per day. You will use every effort to econo[illegible] it is not doubted that something may be saved in this item.

I believe the Indian Bureau never pays more than about $40. per month for Interpreters. As the Interpreters employed by the Agents of the ~~Respectfully~~

~~Department~~ get when ~~travelling~~ ~~Your Obedient Servant~~
on the road with indians their actual expenses of transportation & subsistence paid, ~~I think a dolla~~ ~~is daily [illegible] would be sufficient~~ and are allowed ten cents a mile returning, I think $1.50 per day would be sufficient.

The wages of all the inferior agents or assistants whose services

Cherokee

~~Emig~~ 18

Lt. J. W. Harris

Cherokee Agency Nov.
12th 1833.

Sends a new acct. Current
for 3 qr. and Abstract of
disbursements for Oct.

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Rec'd Nov 27th

Cherokee Agency East,
12th Nov. 1833

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your of the 23d ultimo returning my Account Current of the 3d Quarter for Correction; also to cover with this new Acct. for the said Quarter, together with Abstract of disbursements for the past month.

Voucher No. 1 I have the honour to return; respectfully soliciting a reexamination of the same: when I think it will be found agreeing with your own Statement of distances. Transportation is not charged from Portsmouth but from Ft Constitution, where I was stationed when instructed to report for duty in your Department, and which is 3 miles beyond R. My Certificate shows that I was furnished with no public conveyance for any portion of my journey.

Voucher No. 2 has been remade out agreeably to your Corrections. — I had taken no minute of the date of the reception of your letter of the 13th of August; but in drawing up the original voucher I acted under the belief that I had rec.d your orders on the 15th of that month. It is probable I was led to this impression by the fact that Washington Newspapers are often received

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at Portsmouth
on the Second Morning after their publication; and that a Copy of the Special Order detailing me for my present duty (which of itself warranted my proceeding to Washington at once in my new official Capacity) and which I remember to have recd. a day or two before a similar Copy which was enclosed with my letter of the 19th — was dated the 12th August. It is not unlikely that I recd. the Order from the Adjt Genls. Office on the 15th August, & made out the Voucher under the influence of that recollection. —

I have recently found it necessary to procure to my deposit at Nashville for funds. My Checks on the bank there cannot be made current here owing to the little Commercial intercourse existing between this & that Section of the Country.

From Nashville I continued my journey to Louisville Ky. I was induced to this from its apparent Expediency arising from my Conviction that both Steam transportation & Subsistence for the Emigration could be obtained on better terms there, than elsewhere. The result of my enquiries confirmed my previous opinions; and I have made such arrangements as will enable me to avail myself of the superior advantages of that Market in a manner which I trust will prove Satisfactory to the Department; while at the same time it will, I hope obviate the Expense & Sacrifice of time attendant upon my journeying there in person.

I reached this place upon my return the 8th inst.

It is probable that at the lowest Calculation, there will be from 9 to 1200 Emigrants requiring transportation & Subsistence in Kind this year. The Capt. of the Removal I understand, rates the Number as high as 2500. As yet however I have had no Requisition or definite advice from him on this heads: Having his Suggestions to and upon my first arrival. He is at present absent in the Nation Engaged in the active duties of Enrolling.

The extension of the laws of Johnson &c over its Chartered limits which has already passed three readings in the House and two in the Senate of the State Legislature, and which Resolution is daily Expected to become a law, it is thought will greatly increase the disposition to Emigrate in this Section of the Nation.

I have, Sir, the honour to be
With very great Respect
Your Obt Servt
J. W. Manning
Sub. Disb'g Agent

Brig. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comm. Genl. Subs.
U. S. Army

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Lt. Gw Harris

Monthly Abstract

Disbursements for Contingencies

— — " —

October

1833

Cherokee

East

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MONTHLY ABSTRACT *of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the* Cherokee **Indians** *for the Month of* October ____, 183 , *by* Lieut. Joseph W. Harris Disbursing Agent

DATES.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PAID.	Dollars.	Cents.	REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c.
1833					
Octr. 15th	Thos. Wilson	Services as Interpreter to Col. Harding	60	00	Himself or a substitute to be employed in these services during the enrollment of the Cherokees
" 21st	Lieut. Harris	Transportation of baggage	9	00	To Bishops in Geo. & back again - duty with Supt. of Removal
" 31st	" "	Services as Disbursing Agent	61	00	
		Amount	130	00	

I Certify *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Signed Jos. W. Harris Lieut.

Dist. Q. M. Agent In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.

Dated Nov. 10th ~~1833~~ 1833

Emig 19 Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris
Cherokee
Creek Agency 1st Decr. 1833.

Sends Abstr. of Disbursements for Nov. —

Thinks the Amt. of transportation allowed the Indians too small &c

Requests to be transferred to the Removal of the Creek or Seminole Indians if they should be removed next year.

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Recd Dec: 16th

Cherokee Agency (East)

1st December 1833

Sir

I have the honour to enclose with this Abstracts of Disbursements for Contingencies & Transportation for the past month.

There is a daily increasing disposition to Enrol among the Cherokee Citizens of this section of their Nation. The extension of the State laws of Georgia has doubtlessly exercised an influence over them.

I have received no advices from the Superintendent of Removal in the Stipulated continued absent; but from the information which I have gathered of the U. S. Agent Capt. Montgomery there must be in all about 900 Emigrants upon the several Rolls which have been opened this Season: most of whom it is understood will

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require transportation & subsistence in kind.

I would beg as early as possible to call your attention to "Article 5th Section 4th of the Regulations for the Removal of the Indians".

I am advised by the Superintendent, Maj Carey, that the amount of transportation there is altogether inadequate to the wants of the Cherokees. In this opinion I concur with him, and I am fearful should the Regulation be strictly enforced it will prove seriously detrimental to the interests of the Emigration. The advanced state of civilization amongst this people has added greatly to its wants and there are many articles of household furniture, farming utensils, &c indispensably necessary & of value to them, which are never found among the wilder tribes. Such property cannot be left behind without a sacrifice on their part which will be sure to breed discontent among them and which may very likely terminate in a refusal with many to comply with their engagements.

I would respectfully recommend that under the above paragraph I may be allowed to exercise a discretionary authority. If this should not meet the views of the Department I would solicit in behalf of the Emigrants a more liberal and stated allowance for transportation: equal at the lowest to double the amount conceded by the regulations

I am Sir with very great regard

Your Obt Svt

Lt. Col. W. Mann

Dist. Dist. Agent

Should the Seminole, or Creeks commence their Emigrations next year; they that I may be transferred to either of those Removals: the former would be preferred.

Respectfully

J. W. Mann

Dr. U. S. A.

Brig. Genl. Geo. Gibson

Comm. Genl. Subs.

U. S. Army

Lt. J. W. Harris

Cherokee Removal

Abstract of Transportation

November

1833

Rec'd Feb 16.

Lt. J. W. Harris

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Transportation of the Cherokee Indians for the Month of November 1833 by Lieutenant Joseph W. Harris Disbursing Agent.

Dates	To whom Paid	For what Paid	Dollars	Cents
1833				
Novr 20th.	G. M. Freeman & John Pindar a family of 7 Cherokees	Commutation of Transportation & Subsistence to Arkansas Ty.	126	00
		Amount	$126	00

I certify that the above Abstract is just & true, according to the Vouchers in my possession

Joseph W. Harris
Lieut. & Disb.g Agent
for the Removal and Subs.ce
of the Indians

Cherokee Agency East
1st December 1833

Dr. J. W. Harris
Cherokee Removal
"
Abstract of Contingencies
November
1833

Rec'd Dec 10.

Dr. J. W. Harris

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the Cherokee Indians for the Month of November 1833 — by Lieutenant Lenoir N. Harris Disbursing Agent

Dates	To whom Paid	For what Paid	Dollars	Cents	Remarks
1833					
Nov. 10th	Dr. J. N. Harris	Transportation of baggage	66	25	
" 16th	John Hardwick	Services of Mr. Harding as Enrolling agent	364	62½	
" 18th	Lewis Ross	Stationary —	11	12½	
		Amount	$441	25	

I certify that the above Abstract is just & true, according to the Vouchers in my possession

Cherokee Agency East
1st December 1833

Lenoir N. Harris
Lieut. & Disb. Ag.
In the Removal & Subsistence of the Indians

Emig 34 Cherokee

W. Seawell

30th Nov 1833

Fort Gibson

Dec 3

In Pub[illegible] Service

[illegible]

Emigration of [illegible]ians.

Commissary General of Subsistence

Washington City.

(D.C.)

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Office of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees, West. — 30th November 1832.

Sir,

Your letters of the 17th & 23rd ultimo, have been received, and as soon as the information which you wish Capt. Vashon to furnish me with, in relation to the drafts he has drawn &c. is received, the Muster Roll of the late Cherokee Emigrants will be forwarded to you. — Your letter of the 17th ult. was received shortly after mine of the 11th inst. informing you that Capt. Vashon had been directed by the Acting Secretary of War, to settle the claims of Messrs. Duval & Carns for negro rations, by Draft; and is the reason the Muster Roll was not forwarded by the following Mail, as I stated in this letter would be done. — There were no disbursements made on account of the Cherokee Emigrants by me previous to the month of September last, and is the reason no abstract of disbursements previous to that month was forwarded.

I have the honor to be,
with much respect,
Your obd.t Servt.
W. Lovell
Lieut. U.S. Army
Disbursing Agt. for the Cherokees West.

To
Brigdr. Genl. George Gibson
Comd.g Genl. of Subs.
Washington City
(D.C.)

Emig 35th Cherokee

L. W. Seawell

9th Dec 1832

Sends a statement of drafts paid by Capt. Vashon to Emigrants in commutation of their years subsistence &c

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Rec'd 18th January

Office of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees West — 7th December 1838

Sir,

Enclosed herewith, is a statement of Drafts &c., paid by Capt. Vashon to the late Cherokee Emigrants, in commutation of their gears rations.— It appears that Capt. Vashon has paid Messrs Duval & Carns for ten negro rations purchased of Joel M. Bryant.— Joel M. Bryant only enrolled seven negroes as he informs me, and as appears on the Muster Roll forwarded with this Mail.— On the Roll furnished me by Capt. Vashon, which was copied from the one left by Mr Carry, ten negroes are reported as enrolled by Joel M. Bryant,. but this man says the report is incorrect, as he never owned the number of negroes reported.— I should have advised Capt. Vashon of this, had I been apprised of his order to pay Messrs Duval & Carns for negro rations,— these with a number of others were [redacted] ter it was ascertained the provisions would be issued in kind, and after my arrival here.— The following [redacted] persons reported as having been enrolled by Mr Carry have not arrived, viz: Calanawhe 1 Red,— James McIntosh 1 Red,— Isaac Vann 8 Reds,— Jesse or Bignee 1 Red Tesa-nawhee 3 Reds and Jesse Scott 15 Reds.

I have the honor to be

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To

Brig. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs.
Washington City
(D.C.)

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army
Dist. Agt. for the
Cherokees, West.

Emig. 49 Cherokees

Sr. W. Seawell

Jany 8th 1833

Letter of Adm.

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Recd 2 March

Office of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees West, - 8th January 1833.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith, are my accounts &c, for the 4th quarter of the last year. - I have thought it the interest of the government to purchase, without a written contract, the rations to be issued to the late emigrants, the quantity required is small and considerable is saved by this course. - You will perceive by referring to the contract at Fort Gibson for the present year, that both Corn & Beef are higher, than I have paid. - I have issued Fresh Pork instead of Beef, as the price is about the same as that of Beef, and the Indians preferring it. - I purchased some Beef in the 3rd quarter of the last year at 2 cents per pound, but this was entirely an accident. - 3 Cents is the customary price. - The contract price at Fort Gibson for the present year is $3100 per hundred. — You will perceive in the bills of purchases, that I have paid different prices for the same article, - that is, for corn in some bills 25 cents per bushel, and in other bills 37½ cents per Bushel, - and the same for salt. - The corn for 25 cents per bushel, I bargained for privately, early in the fall, on account of the low price, - and that for 37½ cents, - is as low as

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can be purchased in the country, and lesser than the contract price at Fort Gibson. — The salt I purchased from different stores, — that at $1.25 per bushel, from stores near the Salt works, and that at $1.50, at a distance from the works, the transportation causing the increase of price."

In my letter of the 9th Ult. I omitted reporting that Sour Krout had not reached this. — This was reported to me by Capt. Vashon, as having been enrolled by Mr. Carney.

I have the honor to be
with much respect
Your Obdt. Svt.
W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army
Disbursing Agt. for the Choctaws. West. —

To
Bvt. Genl. G. Gibson
C. G. S.
Washington City
(D. C.)

Emig - 57 Cherokee
S. W. Seawell
March 28th 1833

Enclosing an Estimate of funds for 2qr. 1833. and requesting a deposit at New Orleans &c —

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Office of Disbursing Agent for the
Cherokees West, 28th March, 1833.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith, an estimate of funds, for the 2nd quarter of 1833, to be applied to the purchase of subsistence for Cherokee Emigrants, and request, that the amount required, be remitted to the Cashier of the Branch Bank of the United States at New Orleans, with instructions to place it to my credit in said Bank.

I have received no recent information from Maj Curry, respecting the emigration of the Cherokees.- Those enrolled by him last year, are arriving here daily, and they report to me that a number have been recently enrolled, and expect them to be here in a few months.- On this information I have estimated for 500 Emigrants, which is a larger number than I should otherwise have estimated for.

With much respect,
I am sir,
Your Obdt. Svt.
W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army.
Dsb. Agt. for the Cherokees West.

To
Brevet Genl. G. Gibson
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington City
(D.C.)

Lt. W. Seawell's
Estimate of Funds
2nd Quarter 1833.
$10,000
Cherokees West

Recd May 1. 1833

Remitted $5,000 — May 31. 1833

Mem: Granted Warrant —
to be acted on upon receipt
of 1st qr. accts.

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ESTIMATE of **FUNDS** required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians, for the Quarter ending 30th June 1838 with the Application in detail, intended to be made of them, by

Rations to be issued to 5-00 Cherokee Emigrants, for one year	228125 Pounds Fresh Beef @ 4¢ . .	8125	00
	4277 11/32 Bushels Corn @ 75¢ . . .	3208	00
	328 Bushels Salt @ $1 50/100 . . .	342	00
Emigrants Agents	Compensation for Disbursing from 1st March to the 30th June, being 3 Months @ $20 per Month	60	00
	Forage for 2 Horses from 1st March to the 30th June, being 3 Months, @ $8 per Month for each horse . .	48	00
	Quarters for Disbursing Agent, 2 rooms, from the 1st March to the 30th June, being 3 Months @ $10 per Month for each room - -	60	00
	Fuel for 2 rooms, from the 1st March to the 30th June, being 3 Months @ $5. per Month	15	00
	$	11858	00
Deduct Amount estimated to remain on Hand	$	1858	00
Amount required		10000	00

Signed W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army.
Dist. Agt. for the Cherokees West.

Cherokee

J. W. Seawell
6th April 1833

Office Sub. J. Agt. for
Cherokee West

He sends his acct. for 1
Dr. of the present year —
Writs relative to the Muster
Roll — to Reuben Daniel
&c &c.

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Rec'd June

Office of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees West, 6th April, 1833.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith, are my accounts &c, for the 1st quarter of the present year. — On the 28th ult. I forwarded an estimate for $10.000 for the subsistence of 500 Cherokee emigrants for one year. — In the event of these emigrants reaching here as early as it is reported they will, the whole amount will be required in the present quarter.

Your letter requiring a Muster Role to be furnished Quarterly, of such emigrants as may arrive & report themselves, is just received.. Those who reported themselves in the last quarter, will be reported on the Muster Roll which will furnished at the expiration of the present quarter, as the ages &c, required to be put on the Muster Roll, I do not know. —

Reuben Daniel [redacted] emigrant, states, that Maj Curry promised, at the time he enrolled, that he should receive $33 50/100 for each member of his family, on reporting himself to me at this place; and that relying on Maj Curry's promise, he had provided for the subsistence of his family before reporting to me. — I have purchased the provisions due this man, from himself, and allowed him the customary price of the country; — he is not, however, satisfied, and requested me to report this fact to you.

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Majbury states in exporting this man, that he can be safely entrusted with the money in lieu of his years provisions. — I would not recommend that he be allowed any thing more than he has received, as his story, is the story of every emigrant in the country.

I have the honor to be
with much respect.
Your Obd.t Servt.
W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army
Disbursing Agt. for the Cherokees West.

To Bvt. Brigdr. Genl. G. Gibson
Com.y Gen.l of Subs.tc.
Washington City
(D. C.)

Filed

Emig 73 Cherokee
Lt. W. Seawell
July 12th 1833

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Rec. 12 Aug

Office of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees West, 12th July, 1833.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my accounts &c, for the 2d quarter of the present year, and also my Abstract of Disbursements for Subsistence for May. — The Abstract for May would have been forwarded at the expiration of that month, but for my absence from the Nation at that time. — I was requested by Genl. Gratiot in Septr. last, to pay off the outstanding debts, due on account of the improving of the navigation of Red River, when that work ceased in 1831. — There being a few individuals on Red River above Natchitoches whose accounts could not be settled without my presence, caused me to proceed to that place on the 8th of May, expecting to return by the last of May, having previously supplied all the Cherokee emigrants who had reported themselves and wished their rations. — I was, however, prevented from returning thus early, being a passenger on board the Steam Boat Lioness when she was blown up by Gun Powder on the 19th of May, while proceeding to Natchitoches, an account of which, you probably have seen before this. — By this accident, besides my own, and the money belonging to the Engineer Dept. for the purpose of paying off the debts alluded to, I lost $241.78 of the money for the removal and subsistence of Indians, for which I was accountable. — As my own loss has been considerable, I am not willing to lose this amount, unless you are of opinion that the loss should be my own.

over.

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From the Muster Roll forwarded, you will perceive that the following men have drawn provisions for more persons than appear on this Roll, viz: Abraham Wren for 2 persons, and William A. Coleman, James Lowe, Lock Langley and Reubin Daniel each for one person more than the Muster Roll calls for. – Reubin Daniel was issued to in the last quarter. – The issues to those persons were made on the statements furnished me by Capt. Vashon, before Capt. Vashon furnished me with a copy of Mr. Curry's Muster Role. – In order that the Government should not lose by this, I immediately exported to Capt. Vashon the difference in his statements and the report of Mr. Curry on the Muster Role, so that he might stop from such monies as might be due them, the amt. the overdrawn rations cost, shewing Capt. Vashon at the same time, his statements and the Muster Role. These statements are also forwarded. – These men stated that they enrolled the number they drew for, before they were issued to.

From Mr. Curry's report of last year, Jesse Scott is reported as having enrolled 15 persons, and from the report of this year, Ambrose Harnage is reported to have enrolled 24 persons. Jesse Scott reports to me as having only enrolled 12 persons, and Ambrose Harnage 24 persons.

From my bills of purchase you will find that 75 cents a Bushel has been paid for Corn. – Corn is now scarce, the late freshett in the Arkansas has not only swept off the last years crop of corn from the River, but has destroyed nearly all the crops growing at the time of the freshett, which was in last month, and causes Corn to sell at almost any price that may be asked. –

The manner in which the Cherokees now emigrate, renders

it impossible to make a public contract, except at an exhorbitant price, which I do not think the government should consent to.

With much respect,
I am, Sir,
Your Obd.t Servt.
W. Leavell
Lieut. U. S. Army.
Disb.g Agt. for the Cherokee Nat.

To
Brgd.r Gen.l George Gibson.
Com.y Gen.l of Subs.
Washington City
(D. C.)

Abstract of Disbursements
for Subsistence.

May 1833.

Cherokee west

Recd. 12th Augt.

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MONTHLY ABSTRACT *of Disbursements for the Subsistence of the* Cherokee **Indians** *for the Month of* May, 1833, *by* Lieut. Washington Seawell, U. S. Army.

DATES.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PAID.	Dollars.	Cents.	REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c.
1833.					
May 6th	Micah Hubbard.	Subsistence.	4[illegible]	51¼	
" "	John Langley.	do.	3[illegible]6	67	
" 7	John Jordan	do.	[illegible]	10	
" "	Josiah Wicks.	do.	[illegible]0	21	
" 8	Elijah Cowan	do.	3[illegible]	75	
" "	Samuel T. Lowell	do	73[illegible]	33½	
" "	Daniel Sidbottom.	Transportation.	58	60	
			$1933	57¾	

I **Certify** *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the vouchers in my possession.*

Signed W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army, Agent of the United States
In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.

Dated June 1st, 1833.

Evans 84 Cherokee

W. Seawell
Offer: dis b. ag.t of
bher: West Oct 5th
1833.

Respecting claim of L. Evans
on acct. of provisions furnished
from Mr. Ingersoll, which he was
directed to investigate

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Recd. 6 Nov.

Office of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees West. 5th October 1833.

Sir,

Enclosed, are my accounts &c, for the 3rd quarter of the present year.

In obedience to your instructions of the 11th January last, I investigated the claim of Mr. L. Evans, for provisions furnished John McIntosh and a slave of W. S. Foster. — It appears that Mr. Evans furnished those persons with provisions before I reached here at $32 50/100 each, presuming they would be allowed the same for their years provisions, as were allowed others, at the time he furnished the provisions, which was $32.50/100.

With much respect.

I am Sir,

Your Obt. Svt.

W. Seawell

Lieut. U. S. Army

Dsb. Ag. for the Cherokees West.

To

Brgd. Genl. G. Gibson

C. G. of Sbc.

Washington City

(D.C)

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Emig 13 Cherokee
Geo. Vashon —
West. Cherokee Nation
Office of Agent —
Oct 11th. 1833. —

Respecting certain over-
issues made by Lieut.
Sewell.

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Gen.l Geo. Gibson
Com: G. Subst.

Rec.d 21 Nov

West. Cherokee Nation
Agents Office, Octb.r 11.th 1833,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your instructions of 17 August, requiring a deduction of the cost of some over-issues, by Lieut. Seawell, to be made out of any subsequent payments I may have to make to the persons who have overdrawn.

I was not before apprised that such error could have been made, as Lieut. S had received of me a copy of the Muster-roll or other list of Emigrants transmitted by Supt. of Emigration; a similar copy of Muster-roll or other list of Emigrants that may hereafter arrive, must necessarily be furnished Lieut S, by me, otherwise he would refuse to issue unless he departs from established rule.

I will immediately apply to Lieut. S. for the names of the persons to whom he has over-issued, and if any payment remains to be made, will deduct and turn over the amount as directed, and transmit receipt therefor to your office.

Most Respectfully
I am Sir
Your most Obedient servant
Geo. Vashon, Agt.
Cher.s West.

Comy of Cherokee

Richd Wallack

Washington 26th Feby

1833

Rec^d. amt of drafts ~~bout~~

$448.53

Lt. Gen. Gibson

Com. Gen. Subs.

Washington

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Rec'd. 28 Feb 1833

Washington 26 Feb. 33

Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst. inclosing your check on the Office of the Bank of the United States at Washington for four hundred & forty-eight 3/100 dollars in payment of the rents drawn by George Vashon, Cherokee Agent, has been received by

Yours respectfully,

Richd. Wallach

Col. Geo Gibson
Com Genl. Inds.

Rec'd

Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1834 B-G

Mis (copy) 266 Cherokee

Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock Aug. 23. 183

Encloses copy of a letter from
Lt. Van Horn relative to the delay
in relieving of Lt. Seawell from
his duties, and of certain
irregularities in assuming pro
visions &c. And also of one in
swer to Vanderburg's from Capt
B. — He has no funds applic
able to expenditures on acct. of
Cherokees — shall want funds
on acct. Choctaws; requests that
$30,000 may be deposited
on their acct. & to his Credit
at New Orleans

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(Copy)

Little Rock A. T.
Augt 23rd 1834

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst accompanied by enclosures is just at hand. If on the Receipt of this Lieut Seawell has not transfered to you the funds, Books, Papers, &c &c appertaining to the Removal and subsistence of the Cherokees, lately, and for which he is accountable, you will at once assume the duties of Disbursing Agent for that tribe, and will at the same time apply to Lieut S. for the funds, Books, &c. You will communicate the execution of this duty, to the Comy Genl of Subs at Washington, as well as to this Office

You will not under any circumstances receive, nor permit to be issued to the Emigrants corn or salt at any other standard than that of Dry Measure, and should the Contractor refuse to furnish and issue at that rate, declare the forfeiture of his contract, and proceed at once to furnish by purchasing - say monthly supplies, until otherwise directed.

You will immediately notify the Beef Contractor (if the contract specifies the furnishing "one and a fourth pounds" for the Ration) that only one pound of Beef will be received for the Ration, and that a deduction in the value of the ration corresponding to the deduction of Beef will be made on settlement. Make an endorsement on the contract of this deduction, as well as a declaration signed by the Contractor of his willingness to continue to furnish under such deductions.

The contractors must issue and distribute the Rations without expence to Government. The Indians, however cannot expect to have their Rations delivered at their dwellings, they must receive it at the Depots named in the Contracts, or at such

such other ~~other~~ places as may be agreed upon by yourself and Contractors, keeping in view the accomodation of the Emigrants.

The Emigrants may at once be told that no commutations of subsistence for money can be made to them, they must receive the Provisions in kind. The Issues of the meat part of the Ration can be varied as is done on Issues made to the Choctaws. You can also inform the Emigrants that the person or persons who promised them that they should receive Cash in commutations for their subsistence on arriving West. stated that which in my opinion they were unauthorized to state. At least I ~~have~~ received no such instructions.

As I intended in my communications under date of the 10th Inst. so I still intend, to be at the Choctaw Agency on or about the 5th of next month. At which place I wish to see you. A personal interview in relation to duties will be of importance to us both.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

(signed) J. Brown Capt U.S.A.
Cr. Dist. Ag. Ind. Rem.

Lieut J. Van Horne
Dis. Agt Ind. Rem.
Fort Gibson West. Ter.

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(Copy)

Rec'd 23 Aug 1834

Western Creek Agency
12th August 1834

Sir

One month ago, when I received instructions from the Commissary Genl to relieve Lieut. Deavell, he said he would be ready to turn over to me at the end of July; at which time I called on him again; and have been put off from day to day ever since. He has not yet, and I know not when he will. He says probably in a week or ten days. What necessity or object he may have for this delay is not for me to judge. I have just obtained from him a muster-roll of emigrants, showing what issues have been made. Until I received this I did not think it proper for me to interfere in the least. By this roll it appears that of the 812 emigrants 175 have received no corn, the remainder have received for half a year. 305 have received no buf, and 507 have received a years supply. Only 101 have received any salt. In addition the Contractor says that one years supply of beef has been issued by him to 160 Emigrants without the presence of any agent or assistant, and otherwise in so irregular a manner, that Lieut S. declines paying for such buf. Similar informal issues of other parts of the ration have been made. Lieut S says also that issues have been made to emigrants of whom there is no roll, and this on the Order of his assistant and without the presence of any authority Agent. Lieut S. declines settling with the Contractor for these issues. He tells me that his instructions do not authorise the issue to any of whom no muster roll has been received. I have seen no such instructions however. Of the three points for depots, only one is advantageously located. The other two are remote from the principal emigrant settlers, especially the one at Union. There is no cribs at any of these places. There is one cribs at the Territorial line. It appears that (with the exceptions of those being immediately about the Depots) the supplies have been transported at the expense of Govt. to the residence of all the emigrants. I know not what this has cost but

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but I should think that the expense must be great, as the emigrants are scattered over a country more than 100 miles in extent; and that it is establishing, or has established a precedent that must operate much to the prejudice of Government. This plan has been recommended, it seems by Capt. Vashon, and adopted by Lieut. S. see copy of Capt. V's letter enclosed. I shall discontinue this practice, at least until I receive instructions on the subject from you. I see no necessity for it. The Corn Contractor cheerfully agreed with me to supply those emigrants on the roll who are yet to supply at their respective places of residence, without expense to Govt. although most of them are 40 or 50 miles from any depot.

The Corn has been issued thus far, at 32 liquid quarts to the bushel. The Contract (a copy of which is enclosed) calls for 12800 bushels Corn at $1.27 per Bushel. The Corn contractor is sick in Ark. Ter. I represented to his son who executes the contract, the injustice done to the Indians and to the U. S. by his buying Corn on one side of the Territorial line at 37½ to 50 cents for 40 liquid quarts, and issuing to the Indians on the other side at 32 liquid quarts for $1.27. I have told him that I will receive no corn from him except by the bushel measure of the Country of Arkansas Territory where he lives and Missouri, viz of 32 quarts dry measure, which is regarded as equivalent to 40 wine quarts, and which is the only measure for corn known in this country. He seems well disposed, and I believe would have agreed at once to issue as I required, but he is backed by Lieut. Seavell in the opinion that he need only issue 32 wine quarts to the bushel. He refuses to issue in any other way. I have sent for the Corn contractor and have directed him to inform me in writing immediately whether he will issue as I have required or not. I have also required him

him to supply as soon as possible at a crib politely offered to me by Mr. Mackey on the Illinois within twenty miles of the forks as much corn as will supply about a dozen families near that place, who are said to be suffering for want of it. For the remaining issues under the contract, the contractor expects to (and doubtless he will) purchase corn of Cherokees immediately at the residence of these emigrants at 20 to 50 cts per 40 quarts. I ask if he is to paid by Govt. f. l. 27. for every 32 liquid quarts delivered on the same spot where he buys it. It seems that great dissatisfaction has been given on account of the promise which the emigrants say was made to them, that on their arrival here they would receive cash instead of provisions, some families refuse positively to receive provisions. Scarcely any will go to the Depot. for their rations I am told. As soon as Lieut. S. turns over to me, I shall proceed immediately to complete the issues of beef and salt. Lieut Seawell says he will probably not have any funds to turn over to me. I will need funds to purchase salt &c. but shall defer making an estimate until then. I enclose copy of Contractor's bids and extract from the proposals, and respectfully request that if the course I have taken ~~should not meet your approbation~~, that you will give me your instructions, in the premises - as early as possible.

Very Respectfully
Sir
Yr. Obt. Servt.
J. Van Horn Lieut. 3d Infty.
Disbg. Agent Cherokees

(signed)

Capt. J. Brown Priv Dis Agt. I. R.

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Recd 15 Sep

Little Rock. A.T.
Aug. 23d 1834.

Sir:

I am just in receipt of a communication from Lieut. Van Horne, Disbursing Agent for the Creeks and Cherokees, informing me that he had not, (on the 12th inst.) date of his letter, owing to delays on the part of Lieut. Seawell, been able to relieve that gentleman in the duties of Disbursing Agent for the Cherokees. That when he first received your instructions on the subject, Lt. Seawell fixed on the close of July, for transferring the duties to him, that he called on him at that time & subsequently, and has been put off from day to day ever since; and he knows not when Lieut. S. intends to be relieved. That Lieut. Seawell has made Contracts for supplying the Emigrants with Beef and corn for the twelve months ahead then. That great irregularities in the Issues have been discovered, &c. &c. A copy of Lt. Van Horne's letter, as above noted, is herewith. Also, I cover herewith copy of my letter to Lieut. Van Horne, in answer to the more important parts of his communication.

Lieut. Van Horne speaks of Funds to purchase salt, &c. for the Cherokees; and I refer to this now, in order to apprize you that I have not received any funds applicable to Expenditures for the Cherokees. Not even notice

of deposite of the amount of Lt. Harris' Estimate to meet outstanding debts, has yet been received. I perceive I shall feel the want of Funds to meet demands for supplying the Choctaws with subsis=tence under present contracts=which supply up to the close of next month. From reports of Issues & the numbers to be subsisted, the furnishing under the above Contracts, will come to not much less, if any, than Fifty-Thousand Dollars. Since my return, my Disbursements have reduced the balance in my hands at this time, including the Creek balance, to less than Twenty=four Thou=sand Dollars, and at this time Agents are to be paid, as well as some few outstanding ferriage & other claims. The furnishing on the above Contracts will all be made at the close of this month, and as claimants will soon call, shall only be able to make partial settlements with them. I must, therefore request, that Thirty thousand Dollars be placed at New Orleans to my credit, appli=cable to expenditures on account of the Removal and subsistence of the Choctaws.

There are some expenditures connected with the Emigration of Indians, that are not strictly chargeable to any particular tribe of Indians, (as Choctaws, Cherokees, Creeks, &c. accounts of which, I am instructed to keep each and every one separate,) such for instance, as my own compensation, that of my clerk, the expenses of this Office, &c.

These, I conceive, are expenses chargeable to the Re=moval and subsistence of Indians. Consequently, cannot well be charged in the expenditures of any particular tribe. If I am right in this, will it not be well to make ~~an~~ a separate account current for such expenditures: and if so, will it not be well to require a small deposit to be made to my credit, at New=Orleans, to meet that object.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
J. Brown, Capt. U.S.A.
Dist Agt Ind Rem'l,

Gen. Geo. Gibson,
Comy. Gen'l. of Subs.
Washington, D.C.

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J. Cheatham

Nashville 29th Dec.
1833

To
F. Grundy & J. Bell.

Says: That he made a
Contract with Capt. W.
Blintick on the
[illegible] April 1832 for the
removal of the Cherokees
and that Sd. Capt. W. Harris
is now advertising for
proposals for that purpose.

Requests that the business
be enquired into and Sd.
Harris be instructed to
comply with the contract
already made with him
for the removal of said
Indians.

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Referred by Hon. Jas. Guandy Jany 14

Nashville, December 29th, 1833.

To my Senators & Representative.

Gentlemen; - I see a publication of this date in the Nashville papers over the signature of Lt. J. W. Harris as Cherokee Indian Agent, asking for propositions to be made [illegible] for the [illegible] I have a contract with the Government for the removal of that tribe, made with Capt. Wm. L. McClintock on 1st day of April 1832; I gave security, the contract was forwarded to Washington, accepted & filed in the Office as McClintock notified me; Harris was substituted in McClintocks place, and I presume did not know of my contract; I have removed one load of the Indians & have all times held myself in readiness to remove the balance. I have this day written to Harris my opinion of the fact. - Perhapse all will be right But for fear he may not put the proper construction on it, it is my wish that you both forthwith see the head man of that department get him to cause a copy of the contract to be inclosed to Harris with such instructions as he may think right. The new boat I caused to be built

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was with a view to this contract, & have kept my boats out of the lower trade, & refused to make other contracts with a view to my compliance with this; & hope on the reception of my letter Lt Harris will understand the matter as I do, for fear he may not, cause such directions to be given as you may think [illegible] good security & it would seem to me a sacrifice if the Government is not also. Should I not be permitted to perform the contract, the injury to me will be incalculable, & I have not have retained my boat interest so long had it not been with a view to this contract — for no man but a Merchant has any business with a Steam Boat, unless it be with a view to some contract &c.

You now understand me, see that justice be done, every citizen is entitled to his rights — Whatever is done, let it be done quickly & forward to Harris at Calhoun.

Respectfully

L. P. Cheatham.

Emig 190 Cherokee

B. F. Currey

Cherokee Agency

Jany 28th 1834

The probable number of emigrants
1500. Has employed as Ass.ts
G. W. Currey &c

Indian Emigration

Geo. E. Gilmer

Comy Ex. Indian Affairs

Washington Cty

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Rec.d 17th Feby

Cherokee Agency Jany. 28 1834.

To Colo Geo Gibson
Comy Genl Subsistence

Sir

Yours of the 4th Inst was received on my return yesterday from an excursion to the North Carolina part of the Cherokee settlements where our success in enrolling surpassed all expectation

In a country like this inhabited by such a variety of Colours – all having a desire to remain provided their usages & customs can be regained it may be reasonably expected that some who have enrolled, deluded by the phantoms of hope will fly from their engagements & take refuge in the mountains: While others who have heretofore opposed the liberal offers of Government may come in to increase the list of Emigrants

Fourteen hundred & Eighty seven have enrolled & we have confident expectations of from Five to six hundred more One Fourth of the whole number will perhaps get out of the way or refuse to go which will make the probable number of emigrants for this season Fifteen Hundred

Had I the appearance of power to coerce a compliance with their undertakings all might be expected to go who have enrolled The withdrawal of the

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regular Companies stationed at Coser creek has had an unhappy influence on the progress of our business

I requested of Judge Fleming a few weeks ago that at least one Company should be ordered back as early as practicable The wild & lawless disposition of many of the tribe when excited by improper influences requires to be subdued ~~[illegible]~~ by the fear of punishment ~~[illegible]~~ and indeed they are more powerfully impelled by the fear of punishment than they are by the hope of reward

For the next ensuing six or eight weeks I will stand in need of an apistant Important duties are often to be performed at the Agency belonging to my branch of business while at the same time more important public duties devolve on me at a distance I have employed the services of Geo W Carey to commence this day for the purpose of apisting until the embarcation of the emigrants under the hope it will meet your approbation as the service demands additional aid for that period

I have communicated with Lieut Leavell as requested & as soon as our muster roll is completed himself as well as your Department will be furnished a copy

Lieut Harris leaves here for Nashville

to contract for steam transportation &c

Most Respectfully

I have the Honor to be

Your Very Obt Servt

Ben. F. Curry Supt &c

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Muster Roll of Cherokee Indians who enrolled & emigrated west of the Mississippi River under the direction of Benj F Currey from the 1st of Oct 1831 to the 1st of Jany 1833.

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Date 1831		No	Persons Names	Town or Water Course	State	White	Red	Black	Total	Remarks
Oct	11	1	John Shepherd	Conasauga	Ga		6	8	14	
		2	John Schrimpsher	Do	"	1	7		8	
		3	Joseph M Starr	Tucahully	"		1	1	2	
	22	4	Austin Rider	"	"	1	12	12	25	
Nov	23	5	Rim Falling	"	"		1		1	
Dec	24	6	Saml Ballard	Shoemake	"	1	6		7	
	"	7	Alfred Denton	"	"	1	3		4	
	12	8	Wm Burgess	"	"	0	10		10	
Sept 7	7	9	George Bushyhead	Mouse creek	Ten		3		3	not gone
		10	Thos Woodward	"	"		6		6	
		11	Sepe Scott	"	"		13		13	
	24	12	John Wright	Red Bank	Ga	1	4	21	26	
	25	13	Moses Parris	"	"		7		7	
	28	14	Aaron Parris	Tennys Creek	"		2		2	
	29	15	George Parris Jr	Red Bank	"		1		1	
Oct	17	16	George Parris Senr	Baldridges Creek	"		2		2	
"	"	17	Penny Langley	Do	"	1	1		2	
"	"	18	Loughtatea Graves	"	"		1		1	
	"	19	Susanna Mikeed		"		1		1	
	22	20	Edward Edwards	Hightower	"	1	7		8	
	"	21	John Rapier	Crying Town	"	1	5		6	
	"	22	Nathl Morford	Little River	"	1	3		4	not gone
	"	23	Thos Pettit Jr	Hightower	"		4		4	
	28	24	Thos Hyme	Tannoe Creek	"	1	5	1	7	
Nov	2	25	John Clark	Sala coa	"		7		7	
"	"	26	Acca Look	"	"		6		6	
	"	27	Aly & Sepe Rapier	"	"	1	5		6	
			Carried forward						183	

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Number brought forward

		No	Names of Persons	State	Town or Water Course	White	Red	Black	Total 183	Remarks		
Nov.	2	28	Nancy Tally	Geo	Shoemake		3	28	31		Dec.	20
	"	29	Thos Thomas	"	Coosawattie	1	1		2	Not gone		"
		30	Benj Johnson	"	Uharley Creek	1	6	3	10			"
	12	31	Benjamin Pettit	"	Hightower	1	6		7	One Died on the route		"
	13	32	Chas Vann	"	Do		1		1			"
	"	33	Geo Vann	"	"		2		2	Not gone		"
		34	Griffin Morgan	"	Do		4		4			"
		35	John Elliott	"	"	1	6		7	Not gone	Jany	13
		36	Nea Chea	"	Coosa River		1		1	Not gone		14
		37	Nancy Dennis	"	Hightower		2		2	Not gone		18
		38	Isaac Crenshaw	"	"		3		3	Not gone	Decr	23
		39	Wool Stand	"	"		5		5	Not gone		26
	16	40	Neatey or Wheatley	"	Uharley Ck		1		1	Not gone		
	19	41	James Graves ✓	"	Sala Coa		3		3	Not Gone		
	21	42	Tesa tucky	"	Pine Log		10		10	Not gone		
	22	43	Hightower Grape		Hightower		5		5	Not gone		
	23	44	Naty Pettit		Do		1	5	6			
	"	45	Washington Pettit				1		1			
	"	46	Jas Humphries			1	4	3	8			
	24	47	Wm G Post		Toccoa Run creek	1	3	1	5			
	28	48	Isaac Ragsdale		Hickory Log		4		4	One only went one of this family		
Dec	1	49	Gatcha Williams		Tiusawattie	1	2		3			3
	4	50	Tally Bolin		Hightower		3		3			
	5	51	Little Geo Took		Crying Town		4		4	Not gone		
		52	Hiram Bright		Sala Coa ck	1	2		3	Not gone		
		53	Hezekiah Coleman		Little River	1	2		3			
		54	Chas Downing		Sala Coa		1		1	Not gone		
		55	Edward Timson		Shoal Creek		1		1			
		56	Betty Langley		Chatahoochie	3	2		5			
	6	57	Long Back		Sala Coa		1		1	Not gone		
		58	Cornice		Hightower		1		1			
	10	59	Joshua Robbins		"		1		1			
	20	60	Geo Ward		Ga holy creek	1	11	9	21			
		61	James Ward		Cain Creek		8	7	15			
	Number Carried forward								~~357~~ 359			

Number brought 359

	Dec 20	62	Thos Ward	Ga	Cain Creek	1		1		
	"	63	Moses Ward	"	"	1		1		
	"	64	Joseph Ward	"	"	1		1		
	"	65	Jno M Ward	"	Ga hoola ck	1		1		
	"	66	Jno W Ward	"	Cain Creek	1		1		
	"	67	John A Stover	"	Ga hoola ck	1	5	1	7	
	"	68	Cumming	"	High Tower				1	
	"	69	James Pettit		do		1		1	
	Jany 13	70	Jackson Wilson	"	New Town		1		1	
	14	71	Chas Dougherty		Hightower		3		3	One only went out of this family more returned
	18	72	Lewis Grant		Red Hill		1		1	
	Decr 23	73	Jno Burgess		Conasauga		2		2	
	26	74	Moses		Vanns Mill Creek		1		1	not gone
		75	Allen		do		1		1	do
		76	Buck Rabit		"		1		1	
		77	Low a Lee		"		7		7	
		78	Moses Harris		"		3		3	
		79	Echanee		"		2		2	started but returned
		80	Nancy Miller		"		4		4	not gone
		81	Jean nan toyhe	"	Holly Creek		7		7	not gone
		82	Chow waukah woman	"	do		1		1	
		83	Tenalalohista		do		2		2	
	27	84	Elizabeth		Vanns Mill ck		1		1	
		85	Drum Thrower		"		2		2	not gone
		86	Edward Burgess		"		1		1	
		87	Elizabeth Springston	"	Conasauga		5		5	
		88	Joseph Ketton		Hightower		5	3	8	
		89	Adam or Thunder	"	Pine Log		1		1	not gone
		90	Awwee see		Sala coa		8		8	not gone
		91	Joseph Rice		Pine Log	1	3		4	not gone
		92	Rhoda Rice		Pine Log	1	1		2	
		93	~~Joseph Harris~~		"		4		4	One only went out of this fam the returned
		94	Chas McDaniel		Holly Creek		7		7	
		95	Geo W Harnage		Long Swamp		1		1	
		96	William Harnage		do		1		1	
		97	Edward Vann		Coosa		3		3	
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		Number	Brought Forward						457	
Dec	27	98	Elizabeth McIntosh	Ga	Conasauga		7		7	3
		99	Jno McIntosh				1		1	
1832	10	100	Cullan nauhee or Jno		Valley Town		1		1	
Feby	11	101	Jas W McIntosh	—	Chattonga		1		1	not gone
	"	102	Isaac Vann		Coosa		8		8	
		103	Malachi Parris		Chatahoochie		1		1	
		104	Wm Schrimsher		Coosa	—	8		8	
		105	Ground Hog	—	Hightower	—	1		1	
		106	Elizabeth Dennis		"		4		4	
		107	Snake Track	—	"		1		1	not gone
		108	Sarah Stanley		"		1		1	
		109	Ann Hughs		"		2		2	not gone
		110	Jos Davis & Ann Jones		Toorun		5		5	not gone
		111	Moses Harris	"	Coosa		1		1	not gone
		112	John Vann		Chatonga	—	1		1	
		113	Ellis F Phillips		Hightower		1		1	
		114	Robert R Beaty		Do	—	1	3	1	5
		115	Ruth Phillips & Hens		Do			6	3	9
		116	Wm Dennis		Toorun	—		2		2
		117	Saml Adair		Vothylongo			5		5
		118	Daniel Chicken		Pine Log			1		1 not gone
		119	Robert Took	—	Do			4		4 not gone
		120	Liz Killer		Do			1		1 not gone
		121	Brush	—	Do	—		4		4 not gone
		122	Old Chicken		Do			8		8 not gone
		123	Jno Dennis		Too Run			5		5 Two gone
		124	Te Kaw Conska		Wharly ck			1		1 not gone
		125	Tome	—	Do			1		1 not gone
		126	Tona or many		Do	—		1		1
		127	Lucinda Philips		Hightower			1		1
		128	Ibby Woodall		Do		2	3		5
		129	Daniel Ledbetter		Tinsawattie		1	2	1	4
		130	Benjamin Cooper		Elijay			8	6	14 not gone
		131	John Rogers		New Town		1	3		4 3 went & returned
		132	George Hughs		Hightower			1		1 not gone
			Number Carried forward						576	

Muster Roll of Cherokees
1831 to 1833 - under
Major Curry,

(Copy)

From Clerk Indian Affairs,
Washington
P.O.

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1832		Number brought forward							576	4.
Feby	24	133	Jame Secowa	Geo New Town		1	1	—	1	Not gone
		134	Darius Boling	Do	—		4		4	Not gone
		135	John Downing	Big Savannah			3	28	31	
		136	Duncan O'Briant	Hightower		11			11	
		137	Joel W Bryant	Tookum			2	8	10	
		138	John Hood	~~Pickey~~ Logg			1		1	—
		139	Watt Liver	Pine Logg			1		1	Not gone
		140	Conassena	Do	—		4		4	Do
		141	Jewee	Wharley			1		1	
		142	Cuh co loskie	Chickamanga		0	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
		143	Wm Sutherland	Talking Rock		1	3		4	
		144	Wm Edwards	Hickory Log			1		1	
March	6	145	Allen Wheeler	Oostanaula			3		3	
		146	Jimmy Crittenden	Hightower	—		1		1	
		147	Sidney ~~Kirkpatrick~~	Do	—		1		1	
		148	Jasper Crittenden	— Do	—		1		1	—
		149	Big Geo Look	Pine Logg			1		1	Not gone
		150	Sepe or Big Knee	Coosa	—		1		1	Do
		151	Tee saw nee hee	Alaculsee	—		1		1	Do
		152	Giles McNutty	Oothgy longee		1	8		9	
Mar	9	153	Archibald Boling	Hightower			4		4	
	10	154	Wm Hendrick	Long Swamp			10		10	
	13	155	Lucinda Morgan	Hightower			1		1	
		156	Owen Shuffield	Ocoyah		1	1		2	
		157	James Hendrick	Long Swamp			1		1	
		158	Thos Terrill	Hightower	—		4		4	
		159	Moses Terrill	Do	—		1		1	—
			John Terrill	Chestatee			10		10	
			Watt Downing	Shoal Creek			5		5	Not gone
			Ned Crittenden	Tookum			1		1	
			Aley Sugetty	Hightower			1		1	
			Ruth Boling	Do			1		1	Not gone
			Chu Coonah	Wharley			3		3	Not gone
			Tuka loochee	Tookum	—		1		1	
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		Number brought forward					708		5
		Robt Parris	Ga	Noondays Creek	9	1	10		
		Briant Ward		Little River	7		7	not gone	
		Richd Hinson		Frog Town	10	4	14		
		Felix Arthur		Crowders Creek	6	2	8		
		Taralucka		Do	1		1	not gone	
		Young Turkey		Wharley	1		1	Do	
		Nancy Lyingfield		Pine Logg	1		1		
		Polly Kirby		Hightower	1		1		
	Moses &	Nancy Graves		"	2		2		
		Moses Do		"	1		1		
May	9	David Tucker		Elijay	3		3		
		Isaa Taskee		"	1		1		
		Benj Downing		Chestatee	1		1		
		Jeriel Hinson		Elijay	9		9		
		Wilson Carter		Tocowa	1	1	2	not gone	
		Thompson Sinicard		Do	1	5	6	Do	
		Edward Tucker		Elijay	5		5		
		James Love		Do	8		8		
		Thompson Tucker		"	5		5		
		Martin Miller		"	3		3		
		Lock Langley		Chestatee	4		4		
		Benj Ragsdale		Hightower	3		3	not gone	
		John Pindar		Davis Creek	4		4	not gone	
		Rattling Gourd		Coosa River	2		2		
		Sawsa or Gone		Do	5		5	two went out of this family	
		Robert Berry		Sharp Mountain	1	6	3	10	not gone
		Saml Love		Talking Rock	1	4	2	7	
		Walter Love		Do	1			1	—
		Elizabeth Shurley		Do	4			4	—
		Jesse Smith		Hightower	1	3		4	—
		Benj Brackett		Do	1	2		3	
		Ambrose Harnage		Talking Rock	1	4	20	25	Tom a negro man run away on the west
		John Harnage				1		1	Jno Harnage enrolled seperately but was included in the same report to the west
		Chas Fields		Coosa River		7	1	8	
		Neakea a widow		Do		7		7	
		Jay Kon a whelaw		Do		1		1	
		Cunnigam		Do		1		1	
		Wm Cuttindun		Hightown		6		885	
								8	
								891	
		Jno Smith		Elijay		2			

	Number brought Forward					891		6
5	Asaph Wilson	Geo	Elijay	1		1		
one	Uriah Hubbard		Chestatee	8	5	13		
	Margaret Langley		do	3		3		
	M L Wood		do	3		3		
	Abram Wood		do	4		4		
one	Gus worm		Elijay	1		1		
	Reuben Daniel		Hightower	9	5	14		
	John Langley & James		Chatahoochie do	11	6	17		
	Wm A Coleman		do	6		6		
						954		
	Alex. Kell		Coosa Creek	4	4	8	not gone	
	Geo Freeman		Chatahoochie		2	2	do	
one	Wm Reed		Tinsawattee	1	5	2	8	do
	Edward & Mary Bean		Hightower		2	2		
	~~James Harding~~		~~Long Swamp~~					
						975		
	Wm Willis		Tinsawattee	2	6	6	14	
	Mary Dougherty		do		2	3	5	
one	Benj Dougherty		do		3		3	
one	Elias Goddard		———	1	5		6	
	Wm McClure		do	1	4		5	
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Emig 200 Cherokee

B. F. Currey. Cherokee Agency, April 12. 1834

Enclosing Muster Rolls.

Enrolments will continue until otherwise ordered

Col Geo Gibson

Comd Genl Subsistence

Washington City

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Recd. 26 April

Cherokee Agency T Apl 12 1834

Colo Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Subsc

I have the honor to transmit herewith two Muster rolls of Emigrating Cherokees who have left this Agency for the west since the reopening of enrolling Books as the season for removal is now nearly closed. it is not probable that many more will go off until fall Enrollments will however be made until otherwise ordered for next fall & winter removals

Most Respectfully
I Have the Honor to be.
Your very Obt Servt
Jno F. Curry Supt
Cherokee Emigration

mig 203 Cherokee

B. F. Currey
Cherokee Agency
April 20th 1834

Found it necessary to accompany the Emigrants to the confluence of the rivers Tennessee & Ohio — and continue Geo. H. Currey in service longer than was expected at first.

Cherokee Agency Apl. 20 1834

Ra^d 2 May

Colo Geo Gibson

Comdg Genl Subsistence

Sir

It was considered by me highly necessary I should accompany the expedition part of the route, at least, lately embarked for the West

There were some families to assemble on the river from the Creek Path Valley and without my presence there was but little hope they would be able to get off. My acquaintance with the emigrants & their desire that I should accompany until they were past the dangers of the Shoals & for the purpose of allaying their fears from Cholera which was represented to be raging on the river I went as far as the Confluence of Tennessee & Ohio rivers

A great deal of writing growing out of the late emigration & the importance of finishing the valuation Rolls & Completing Consolidated abstracts of valuation with the occasional arrival at this point after the departure of the Main fleet under Lieut Harris of families undertaking to remove themselves appeared to authorize the Continuation of of Geo W Currey services a little beyond the period which you were notified these services would be required

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Emig 204 Cherokee

B F Currey

Wash June 13. 18

Giving the reasons for the failure to emigrate on the part of a large portion of the Cherokees who enrolled for the spring removal. 1834

Enclosure

Copy Gen Atkinson

Washington City

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Washington City June 13 1834

Sir

In assembling the late emigrants at the Cherokee Agency East for embarcation notice was given of the time at which waggons would be dispatched for their respective neighborhoods

The party opposed to removals previous to the arrival of the waggons had all night meetings appointed at which either some of the head men - or their subservient instruments attended to dissuade the enrolled party from going - representing the Govt pledged to be unauthorised & that the emigrant would never get his pay if he went &c &c By this means upwards of Eight hundred of those who had voluntarily enrolled & bound themselves to go with that expedition were prevented from accompanying the waggons which in many instances returned empty or only with partial loads as will appear from the detailed report of your Disbursing Agent Lieut Joseph W Harris attached to this removal

Most Respectfully

I have the Honor to be

Your Very Obt Servt

Ben F Currey

Colo Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Sub-
Washington City

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While acting
Capt. Davis and
Lieut. Montgomery
were employed as
enrolling agents,
he should receive
pay as such
L. C.

June 27. 1834

Allow. Wm. M. Davis pd. by Capt. W. Davis, as Enrolling agent from 6 Augt. to 20 Oct. 1833 = 76 days at $1.00 per annum ——— $312.31

Do by Lt. J. M. Harris, as Appraiser &c from 18 Oct. 1833 to 30 Nov. 1833 = 44 days at $3. per day ——— $132.00

Do by do, as do from 1 Dec. 1833 to 30 Apl. 1834 = 151 days at $4. per day ——— $604.00

Jas. M. C. Montgomery pd. by Capt. W. L. Dancy as Appraiser &c 21 Sept. to 6 Dec. 1832 = 2 mos 16 days at $1.00 per annum ——— $210.50

Do pd. by Lt. J. M. Harris as Appraiser &c from 1st Nov. 1833 to 30th April 1834 - 181 days at $3. per diem ——— $543.00

See above

Wash. City, June 27 1834

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the accounts of Captain Davis & Lieutenant Harris for allowance.

Respectfully yours &c

Chas. Gill
Cashier

Hon. Secretary of the Treasury

Wash. 27 Jun. 34

June 27th 1834

~~Indorse Office~~

Comp. Gen. of Subsistence

Note. J. M. C. Montgomery charges in pursuance of this allowance the difference to wit $1.00 per day from 1 Dec. to 30 Apl 1834. - Subsequently he got $4.00 per day

H. C. Easton

See Lt. Harris' acct. 4th Qr 1834. - Contingencies vouchers.

Sam Lewis Capt
Secy of war

Referred June 27th

Sir

I have the honor to communicate for your consideration the following facts.

Maj Wm M Davis & Jas M Montgomery Appraising agents for the Government in the Cherokee Country Ga were from the 1st of Dec 1833 charged by me with authority to enroll members of the tribe who might be disposed to emigrate

In addition to their duties as appraisers they were highly useful in performing those of assistant enrolling agents Maj Davis was found to be particularly so ~~[illegible]~~ Each appeared to manifest equal zeal in promoting emigration & I saw no disposition on the part of either to do injustice to those who preferred to remain All their acts were open & fair & while it gives me pleasure to bear testimony to the worth meritorious services of these gentlemen it is respectfully submitted whether their pay should not be equal at least to that allowed to enrolling agents from the 1st Dec.

Most Respectfully
Your very Obt Serv

Wm F. Curry
June 26 1834

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Cherokee

Benj. F. Currey
Washington June 14th 1834

Asking that the pay of the Assessors be increased.

Rfd. 24 June '34

Seneca County
Ky
Lexington
Jun 4th 1834

Gent. I received a Circular from the Secretary of War stating that the Commissioners to run the Cherokee Line
Assessors —
Surveyors
Chainmen
Marker
etc

Washington

Washington City June 14 1834

Hon R M Johnson

Sir

Among other amendments desired in our preparations for Cherokee Removals is that of increasing the pay of the assistants whose duties have been more laborious than those of the assistant enrolling agents while their pay is less by one dollar per day Heretofore it has been found expedient to employ the services of the assistants in the double capacity of appraisers & enrolling agents In 1831-2 their pay was increased at the rate of 1500 per an. Under the regulations by the Comy Genl it cannot exceed $3- per day at present. From my knowledge of the privations they have to encounter & the additional services which it will be in their power to render as assistant enrolling agents I am persuaded Mr Cass will not refuse to fix their pay at $1500 per An

Very Respectfully
your Mo obt Sr
Ben F Currey

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Envig 212 Cherokee

B. F. Curry
July 17th 1834

Relative to the examination of a route for the Emigrating Cherokees by way Golconda

Lieut Gen Atkinson
Comdg Ens Atkinson
Washington City

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Recd July 17.

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Gen Geo Gibson

Sir

The Cherokees travelling by land from the Eastern to the western Nation have preferred going by Nashville & Golconda

The propriety of examining that route & reporting its advantages to your Department was a few days since suggested to me by the Actn Secy of War

On my return to the Eastern nation this examination can be made with the loss of only three or four days. I therefore submit to your decision whether or not it would be most proper for me to go via Golconda with the view of collecting the information necessary to be had on the subject

Most Respectfully

Your very Obt Servt

Ben. F. Currey

July 17 1834

Emig 222 Cherokee

B. F. Currey

Cherokee Agency
Aug. 26 1834

Has arrived at Agency having visited Ill: & Mo. to ascertain the best route for Indians.

Will report as soon as he sees Lt. Harris

Recd. Sept 8

Cherokee Agency Aug 26 1834

Genl Geo Gibson

Comy Genl Subsistence

Sir

I arrived at this Agency on the 19th Inst After having visited Golconda Ill & Cape Gerardeau Mo. with the view of ascertaining the best route by land for the removal of Cherokee emigrants In order to be availed of all the information on this subject considered of importance to the Department I must beg leave to defer a report until I see Lieut Harris who is at this time at the Blomterille A springs & whose observation will enable him to furnish information additional to that collected by

Yours Most Respectfully

Ben F Burney

PS Will my friend Eastm have the goodness to send me three or four printed copies of the newly printed regulations on the subject of Indian removals?

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Ewing 228 Cherokee

B. F. Currey
Cher: Agency 18th Sept 1834

Enclosing estimate of expense attending a change of location of the Military Companies stationed at Cold Creek &c

Original Referred to Office Ind: Affairs 21st 1834.

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Rec'd 29 Sept

Cherokee agency Sept 18. 1834

Gen Gibson —

Sir —

Enclosing Estimate of Expense attending a change of location of the Military Companies stationed at Cold Creek &c —

B. F. Currey

Original referred to Office Ind affairs

Sept 18. 1854

B. F. Curry

to

the Comdg Gen Subs

~~Estimate of the expense~~ Enclosed

of changing the location

of one of the Military

posts —

~~Same Case~~

Respectfully referred

by the Comdg. Gen Subs. to

the Comr. Indian Affairs —

~~who will inform~~

~~with his respects~~

~~the Commissioner~~

~~Chief, Sept. 21~~

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Cherokee Agency Sept 18 1834

Rec'd 29 Sept

Genl Geo Gibson

Sir

Enclosed is an estimate of the expense attending a change of the location of one of the military companies stationed at Coca creek

It is the opinion of Lieut Phillips & Hooper that the amt estimated for will be saved during the 1st & 2nd quarters on account of a decrease in the price of supplies at this place compared with their cost at Coca creek

The situation of the Country & the temper of the Indians would appear to require that one Company of the Regulars should remain at the Coca creek station & the other should be permanently stationed here

Most Respectfully

Your very Obt Servt

Ben F. Currey

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Calhoun Jun
Sept 17-1834

(In the Emigration) Office

Mr Gen Geo Gibson
Comy Genl Subsistence
Washington City

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Cherokee Agency
Sept. 8. 1834

Sir

Agreeable to your request I have herewith prepared an estimate of the expense that would probably be incurred by the Department in repairing a building attached to the agency and which with very trifling repairs could be made suitable for the accommodation of one Company now in possession of it. The additional expense for Officers Quarters will also be trifling. The following are the principal items—

Plank.....	$400.00
Scantling	28.50
Nails	50.00
Glass.	17.00
Other expences	100.00
Total	$235.50

The total expences therefore you will perceive will be but small and it is believed that this estimate contains all that will be necessary

I am Sir very respectfully
Yours Obt. Svt.
John N. Hooper
Brevet 2d Lt. 6th Infty
Actg. A. Qr. Mr.

&c
Major B. L. Curry

Emig 229 Cherokee

B. F. Currey

Cherokee Agy. Sept. 27th 1834

Speaks of the comparative advantages of the Golconda and Memphis routes in the removal of Indians gives the preference to Golconda &c

Recd Oct 13.

Cherokee Agency Sept. 27. 1834

Genl Geo Gibson
Comy Genl Subsistence

Sir

From the best information to be had, with the limited examination which it was in my power to take of the Golconda route, the distance might be estimated at Eight hundred miles from this Agency to the Western Agency. While that via Memphis may be put down at Seven hundred and thirty

During the greater part of the year the latter route would be impossible for land Carriages. While the former would present no obstacles to prevent travelling at any season

In passing on the Memphis route the Emigrants would have to travel through a Cotton growing Country part of the way, where Supplies would neither be so plentiful or so cheap as they would on the Northern route

The Cherokees have an unconquerable aversion to water transportation, any part of the way, which would be absolutely necessary on the Memphis route at most seasons of the year. All their partialities are fixed in favour of the Northern or Golconda road.

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and most of them would prefer settling on the lands designated in A Rogs Treaty West of Mo & to East of the Osage Reservation which would make the distance to be travelled about equal on each route.

Waggons and teams could be had cheaper to go the whole distance than they could by engaging them for the Mississippi river subject there to be discharged or continued at pleasure. Should they be continued through, it might be well to say whether the whole disbursements for transportation should not be made by the agent East where the contracts are concluded

It is believed no considerable number would wish to emigrate during this season. Such as do will mostly take the commutation money or prefer to be removed by persons selected by themselves who would take this allowance as compensation for transporting and subsisting them on the way

Where this is allowed responsible contractors with good and sufficient security will be required

Before any general removal takes place it ~~would be proper for~~ an Agent to pass along the road selected, and fix stands at convenient distances, from which to furnish the necessary supplies to emigrants on their way to the west.

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In conducting an extensive public business it is all important that a regular set of Books should be Kept exhibiting all the transactions Connected with removals &c &c To this end the services of G W Curry have been employed—his salary or pay has not yet been fixed, but will be regulated by the duties performed.

A copy of this Communication will be furnished Lieut Harris with a request that he make out an estimate and forward it to your Department early

I Have the Honor to be
Most Respectfully
Your Very Obt Servt
Ben F Curry

Emig Cherokee 31½

B. F. Currey

Cherokee Agency

Octo 3d 1834

Says that Mr. Meigs's report of the valuation of property in Cherokee Country having been referred to this Office, she sends a letter from David Carter to be considered in connection with it.

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(Emigration of Indians)

Genl Geo Gibson

Comdg Genl Subsistence

Washington City

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Rec'd 21 Oct

Cherokee Agency Oct 3rd 1834

Genl Geo Gibson

Comy Genl Subsistence

Sir

Having been advised that Mr. Meigs report on the subject of valuations in the Cherokee Country has been referred to you for your action It may be proper that the enclosed letter from David Carter should be before you at the time his contested title to property abandoned is considered & determined upon

Most Respectfully

I Have the Honor to be

your very Obt Servt

Ben Fleurry Supt

Cherokee Removals

The letter referred to above, was subsequently sent to Judge Herring E

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Emig 233. Cherokee

B. F. Currey
Cher. Agency Oct 18. 1834

Has rec. letter of 2d Oct.

Regrets the loss of Lt. Harris's services, whom he highly complements.

Great excite has prevailed — many have promised to enroll if nothing be done at the Council now in session at Red Hills Ten:

Sends certain complaints of Indns:

Speakes of the necessity of employing Counsel to aide Attorney Genl in the trial of Foreman

Joel Yancey has been called into service.

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Cherokee Agency East Oct 18 1834

Rec'd 1 Nov

Genl Geo. Gibson

Comy Genl Subsistence

Washington City

Sir

Your communication of the 2nd Inst notifying me Lieut Harris is relieved from this service has just come to hand Apart from Lieut Harris' afflictions I fear there is no man who could be selected to fill this place with the same fidelity & satisfaction that he has done It is with unfeigned regret that I am compelled to give him up — Punctual to every call for disbursements & ready to risk his life by wrestling with diseases visiting the unfortunate emigrants of last Spring where death in its most hideous shape met him at every turn of the road from the landing at Gadron he had acquired a character for humanity & assiduous attention to business which endeared him to all in any wise conversant with the arduous & dangerous duties of his station For the privations encountered & obstacles overcome by this faithful & energetic officer no praise can be too high & no compensation too liberal.

As there is a probability of several applications for commutation money by Emigrating Cherokees I have requested Lieut Harris to remain at this place until Lieut Bateman's arrival or as long as he can consistently with the public interest & the orders received by him from his superiors

But few enrollments have taken place since my return — An unusual degree of excitement has existed among the Cherokees but it is subsiding And on many promise to enroll in case nothing is done at the Council now in session at Red Hill Ten, It is not believed their leaders are as much disposed to yield now as they were last fall The Law to distribute the Annuities in a manner different from that previously prescribed by the President Sec'y of war — the refusal of the senate to ratify the late Treaty — the delay of payments

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to the emigrants of last spring – the mortality attending them on the route ~~last spring~~ & after their arrival at their new homes with the knowledge of a resolution introduced into the senate of the U.S. last sesion requiring the President to call on the Executive of Georgia to ascertain for what sum ~~the state~~ State would relinquish its claim to the Indian Territory have all been artfully managed so as to induce the Indians to believe they are in a fair way to regain their country & jurisdiction here – In this state of things it was deemed advisable that every reasonable exertion should be made to dissipate these fatal delusions And according to the suggestions of the Sect Sec of war in the 17th Sec. of the memorandum respecting the removal of Indians during the year 1834 Colo Joel Yancy was called into service

Most of the poorer class of Cherokees seem bewildered – desperate & in their hours of increasing dissipation talk of bloodshed & subsequent elopement while the leaders either stand mute or carry on their measures in such a clandestine manner as to elude ~~all~~ positive proof of their connivance at violence & bloodshed

I visited the council now in sesion & submitted a certified copy of the late treaty to that body with these remarks appended "I am directed by the President of the United States to submit the foregoing articles of agreement to the Cherokee people for their approval – As these articles will be carried out & acted upon sooner or later your aid in their promulgation is most respectfully requested. addressed Jno Ross Geo Lowry Geo Waters Major Ridge & other Cherokees assembled at Red Hill & signed by myself – A promise was given that it should be read & fully explained to the Cherokees yet I have but little expectation this pledge will be redeemed. This aid was asked because the printing press for the tribe is not in operation & the type is scattered & disordered so as to render it impossible to have it done through that medium

✱ The enclosed complaints were forwarded to me by Cherokees against the Pretended authorities of this nation ~~and~~ they are transmitted to you not that it is believed you will have it in your power to grant the desired relief but to exhibit the

temper of the present council towards the emigration party) The trial of Foreman the High Sheriff of the Cherokee Nation this half Brother for the murder of Inowalker Jr comes on at Athens next Monday week Should Mr. Meigs not be at home by that time it is my opinion the interest of the Govt would require the employment of other counsel to aid the attoy Genl in the prosecution — much depends upon their conviction & execution

I Have the Honor to be
Most Respectfully
Your very Obt Servt

Ben F. Currey

* Note. The enclosure alluded to here was, with the paragraph, referred to the Com'rs affairs, Nov 11. 1834
W. C. Easton

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Emig Cherokees Referred.

R. F. Currey
Cherokee Agency Dec. 26
1834.

In consequence of the want of employment, in the Cherokee Removal, the services of Major Montgomery & Col. Yancey have been dispensed with. Col. Yancey wishes to be employed in the Seminole Removal.

Ref 13th Jany '35

Recd. 10. 1834
Removal & Subsistence

John Lewis Esq
Sec of War
Washington City

Referred
Jany 13th.

Cherokee Agency Dec 26 1834

Hon Lewis Cass
Secy of War
Sir

Owing to the want of employment for all the Agents designated for the Cherokee service and the great desire entertained exercise economy in conducting the business of the Govt it has been considered expedient to dispense with the services of Maj Montgomery & Colo Yancey. Colo Yancey it will be remembered was intended for the seminole service but owing to a failure in the last Congress to make the necessary appropriations he was appointed to aid in Cherokee removals believing the public interest would justify a call on him he was notified & accordingly repaired hither but the emergency authorizing this order having expired he will in a few days be on his way to Kentucky again

Should there be a necessity for the services of any other than the Supt of Seminole removals it is the wish of Colo Yancey to be employed as originally contemplated in that quarter His worth is too well known to require remark from

Most Respectfully Your very obt Servt
Ben F Currey

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Ewing Cherokees
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Capt. Wm Day
Fort Snelling Jany 4th 1834

Enclosing Acct Current
for expenditures in the
Months of April & May
1833. balance paid
herein by Lt Greenough
lowet 73 2/100 Dols

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Recd 11 Feby

Fort Snelling, Novr. 4th 1834

Sir:

I herewith transmit my account Current for disbursements made in the Removal of Cherokee Indians in the months of Apl. & May 1833. The balance of 7 33/100 Dollars has been paid me by Lieut S. K. Greenough Assistant Commry of Subs. at this post

I am Sir Respectfully
Your obt. Servant
Jno Dry Capt. 1st Dgs.

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Commry Genl. of Subs
Washington City

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Received at Fort Snelling Decr. 28th 1833
from Lieut S. R. Gorrenge Actg. Comm.
of Subsistence Seven 33/100 Dolls. being
the balance due me for services rendered
as disbursing agent in the Removal of the
Cherokee Indians

Wm Day Capt. 1st Infy

Rec. from [illegible]

Capt. Wm. Day's
Abstract of
Disbursements

Apl. & May 1833.

Recd June 5th 1833

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MONTHLY ABSTRACT *of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the* Cherokee **Indians** *for the Month of* April and May, 1833, *by* Capt. William Day U.S. Army

DATES.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PAID.	Dollars.	Cents.	REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c.
April 21st 1833	William McDavid	For Services	312	31	
May 3rd "	B. F. Currey	For Services	1000	00	
" 31st "	Capt. W. Day	Quarters Forage Fuel &c	122	00	
		Dolls.	1434	31	

I Certify *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Signed Wm Day Capt. U.S. Army

Dated 1st, 183 Disb. Agent *In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.*

Referred to
the Secretary
of War.
Indian Office
19 August 1834

Respectfully referred
to the Commissary
General of Subsistence
Off Ind Affairs
Aug. 19. 34
Wm. Ward

Received
Aug 47 Cherokee
J. Gunter Jr
Gunter's Landing
July 26th 1834

Making propositions
relative to his own &
his party's removal
to the west upon certain
conditions

rec'd 20 Aug 34

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1834 H

Cherokee

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Referred by Office Ind. Aff. Aug. 20. 1834

Gunters Landing
July 26th 1834

Genl. Andrew Jackson

Sir

I wish to emigrate for the West under the following conditions. Viz. I will insure myself and all and every person who is under my care and protection provided the United States will agree to have all of my improvements valued, and after being valued by the Valuing Agent of the Govt. allow or give unto me the right of selling the possession of said places to some citizen or citizens of the United States. also I should want the Govt to advance me all the moneys that would be due me for the valuation of my improvements. I then would be willing to enter into bond with as good securities as the state of Alabama can afford for my leaving this country for the West at any given time. say not under or over from three to five years. my reason for asking that length of time from the Govt is I follow the mercantile business. and I think that

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that I cannot bring my Business to a final close sooner than three or five years - as I have a vast of unsettled Business at this time. I have also discovered that we cannot exist here any longer as a free distinct - and independent Nation - therefore we are all of my party are fully determined to emigrate and join our Brethren in the West. that is on conditions - we can make arrangements with the Govt to suit ourselves - Some of my party wishes to be off for the West early this fall - But Before I or any of my party emigrates - I should like to see your personally that perhaps we could come to a better understanding about Matters - I will set out to see you about the middle of next Month - provided the Govt will agree to pay my expenses - to Washington & Back home again - your not being personally acquainted with me - you might think that I wished to intrude in your feelings - But Sir I am far from doing - So I will have refer you to some of the Nations - to say how I stand - Mess John Ross - Andrew Ross - John Ridge - Elias Boudinott and John Walker Jr. and a number of others - was to Cherokee - I will have refer you to The Hon H. Clay

of Huntsville alabama. and a number of others was it necessary - I have the most worthy Feelings - of any Indian - who Lives in the state of Alabama - your answer to this Letter - can well merit thanks

In behalf of
The United States

your Humble obt Servt &c

J. Pusley Jr

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Nominal Roll of Recruits,

of a

Company of Pharoahs Emigrants,

for the month of

February, March, April, May

1832

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Journal of occurrences of a Company of Cherokee Emigrants who began to assemble near Calhoun E. Tenn in the Month of February and who arrived at the destination in the Western Nation 15th May 1834 - under the direction of Lieutenant Joseph W. Harris 3d Regiment U. S. Artillery.

Emigrants Camp Hiwassee R. Tenn
15th February 1834

Indian Summer weather. Light airs from the S.W. - This is the day appointed by the Superintendent for the assembling of the Emigrants. In consequence however of misunderstandings on this head, together with the destitute condition of some, the unwilling feelings of the Conveniens & neighbors of others of the enrolled, stragglers have been dropping in since the 30th ult inst: and there is already upwards of a hundred, chiefly of the Ross Party, collected. In consequence of the unfavorable inclemency of the season, and of the probable delays the first comers would be subjected to before the whole would be in readiness to embark - the disbursing agent had been requested to provide shelter for 300 or more individuals: and that officer partly by erecting new pens

partly by repairing those put up by Capt McClintock in the winter of '32 ~~had~~ completed a Cantonment consisting of four blocks containing in all twenty Eight pens of rough open log work some 16 feet square each, & covered with good weather proof roofs of a suitable pitch. Two of these blocks range parallel to the river upon the ~~borrow~~ of its left bank & facing from the Stream - they are flanked upon the left by a substantial block house used for a provision Store & quarters for the Commissary of Issues, Sampson W Rose; and on the right by the woods. Running thence & facing inwards - forming a Street is the third block - the fourth crowns the summit of the hill at the extreme extremes of the Camp running perpendicular to and looking down upon the others. Fuel in any quantities may be had for the hauling & the gathering in the surrounding forest - and sweet & wholesome water from the living Spring on the "rolling Prairies". The site of the Camp has been judiciously selected about three quarters of a mile from the Agency & about a half a mile below the town at one of the best landing places on the river; and by its distance & the intervening hills, securing the quiet of the peaceful settlers from the loud & boisterous riot which revels here throughout the assembling Season. we already feel a serious annoyance from the trading boats, or "floating doggeries" which now infest the

river, & which coming from the upper Tennessee, the Holston & the Chiaho - with their loads of cakes, & pies, & fruit, and Cider & Apple jack & Whiskey - shake it here for the amusement & emoluments of the poor Indians, or the hard earned or illicit gains of the worthless White Man; & become the nurseries & receptacles of idleness, drunkenness & vice. It is from there that a torrent of tumultuous revellers is pouring itself unsparingly into the town; & it is from there the means are attained of introducing domestic bickerings, & open discord, and shameful & bloody quarrels, & drunken orgies into the Camp. And is it not surprising that nothing apparently is done to remove the danger of so much mischief & individuals, and of so much disgrace, if not of vexation, to a Community. And where is the statute that would not uphold a cheerful cooperation of Government Agents & the Civil authority, in purging these waters of lawless vendors who, daily and every hour in the day & night are openly demonstrating themselves to be public nuisances! -

Since the 1st Sept. Mr Ross, the Commissary of Issues has taken up his residence in Camp - from time to time receives supplies of Subsistence from the Contractor for Rations; & upon returns from the Superintendent, he since that time issued "$\frac{3}{4}$ of a lb of Bacon & $\frac{3}{4}$ qt of Corn Meal per day" to every Eater.

Emigrants Camp Nuwaba R
12th March 1834

Morning Clear & Cool. Moderate Airs from the N. N. W.
From the 15 ultimo to the present date the Emigrants have continued to assemble slowly & irregularly. When the time for assembling was published it was understood that the Embarcation would be completed & the fleet of boats upon its voyage by the 1st of March - but unlooked for obstacles to collecting the Enrolled have delayed our departure to the present time. The 'flat boats' have been in waiting for Several days - made fast to the opposite Shore a few hundred yards above our Camp. Last Evening they were ordered to drop down to the landing; & this morning the Sioux Cox & the Niger received on board 72 Emigrants - At 3 P M they cast off into the stream. This party is commanded by my assistant Miller - who has orders to collect the Stragglers, & those who living along the banks of the Mississippi & Tennessee Rivers it was deemed unnecessary to have hauled in; and, Should the fleet not overtake him before, to wait for it at the head of the Muscle Shoals. We are only waiting now for the arrival of the Emigrants from the Bailey Towns who are shortly looked for; to Embark the main body of the Company. Nothing of importance occurred between the forming & the present dates - worthy of record. The weather has varied from below the Freezing point to a moderate & even Summer heat: and in

February we had heavy rains & a fresh. — Immorality & Misrule have continued to be the order of the day — dancing, drunkenness, gambling & fighting the best times of the night: and their flourishing Causes still continue triumphantly moored to the opposite bank of the River. —

We have also had a few desertions among the discontented. —

Emigrants Camp
13th March

Clear & pleasant — afternoon warm. Light airs from the S. — Rec.d last night intelligence of the approach of the Mountaineers stragglers dropt in during the day. Neither the Embarcation & by night have more of the Company on board. At dusk the main body of the Mountain Party arrived consisting of from 60 to 70 individuals only & transported in three heavy sixhorse Wagons.

On board Flat boat Scott Thompson Emigrant Flat
opposite Old Agency Niwaqua R. 14th March 1834

Clear & moderate weather. Fresh airs from the N. W. — Rise at peep of day & hurry the Embarcation. Direct Mr Ross to issue two days rations to the Company. At 10 A M the issues are completed at 11° the Complement of the Blue Brush 12 individuals is shipped & the boat cast off. At 12 M after some trouble in which persua-

dion, threats & force were alternately resorted to the remainder of the party were embarked & the Rainbow, the Squeezer and the Moll Thompson unmoored & dropped into the Current.

The banks of the River were thronged with people brought thither by almost as many motives, who in the language of the Country "Saw us off", & cheered us upon our journey.

The parting scene was more moving than I had prepared for. But when this hour of leave-taking arrived I saw many a manly cheek suffused with tears. Parents were turning with sick hearts from children who were about to seek other homes in a far off and stranger land; and brothers & sisters with heaving bosoms & brimful eyes were wringing each others hands for the last time. And often I observed some young man whom the spirit of roving or adventure had tempted to forsake all that was dear to him here - to seek alone an uncertain future in other climes; or some young wife who was tearing herself from father & mother, "Kith & Kin", to follow the fortunes of her husband withersoever they should lead - turn again & again to the embraces of those they loved and were leaving - in seeming forgetfulness that they had already received their adieus.

Near that I had thought hardened by vice to every impression of the softer kind, gushed forth at this hour feelings creditable to human nature - and for a time at least seemed regenerated.

from the guilt of years. — We slipped gently down the river with the Current — occasionally impeded in our course by a brisk head wind — now working our Oar to give us head way, & now calling our Strength & Skill into requisition to dodge the Snag, or Clear a Sawyer. —

The Company under my charge — including the advanced parties — musters about 440 Strong. Owing to the appearance of the cholera within a few days past among the Emigrants — to the fact that few of them have ever been visited with this disease & are consequently open to it now — to the immense number of Children in the fleet — & to the reports of Cholera below: I have thought that a prudential regard to the health of my charge called for the attendance of a Physician upon the trip. Having previously negotiated for one from Nashville to meet me at the foot of the Shoals — not deeming it at that time that his presence would be earlier requisite — I have engaged the services of Dr Eckington of Gallatin, who has this morning embarked with me & will accompany the Party until relieved by the other Gentleman. The Superintendent of the Emigration also Genl Dr Carvey — feeling an anxiety to see us safely & safely on our way, & being under a particular promise likewise to many of the Emigrants to Stear them Company through all the dangers of Snags & Shoals — obliges us with his presence for a Season. —

In addition to the "tens days rations" issued to Each individual family or Mess - for I found it out of the question to organize them in Regular Companies - before Casting off. I rec^d on board the Moll Thompson, the balance of the provisions in Store, & I calculate with this we is Sufficient Subsistence Shipped "to the Company" upon a march at least fifteen days - water ~~they shall~~ obtain at the boats sides & fuel at our respective landing places. -

It is now 8 o'clock PM - we are just floating by the Old Agency having only made 10 miles from our departure. The wind however has now subsided - we shall in a few hours launch upon the broad bosom of the Tennessee; when from its stronger Current we will hope for a speedier progress.

On board Moll Thompson

Big Eddy Tenn R 15th March 1834

Morning Clear & Cool - afterwards warm. Light & baffling airs during the day - towards evening Calm. We continued our descending the night At 12 o'clock overtook the Blue Buck - moored snugly to the bank & all on board asleep. Awoke their Skipper & ordered him to Cast off & pull up - he soon joined Company - & at 1 a.m we launched together upon the waters of the Tennessee R. - Finding that my boats were too much crowded either for Comfort, or the enforcement of a healthy police - to save time - at

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2 A M I dispatched a messenger in a canoe to my Crafts below at Doddy to have another boat in readiness by the time we arrived there. At 6 A M passed the mouth of Doddy - saw no signs of a boat - in consequence of the force of the wind & the current could make no safe landing there: but our shouts & signals were duly answered.

At 4 8 A M landed the Moll Thompson at Brown's Ferry 23 miles below the mouth of Hiwassee. Here we found Miller's party - which had met with head winds & delays in getting emigrants on board - employed in collecting a few strayglers. Stopped 3/4 h on shore to secure into the boat some little property belonging to the unfortunate family. Cast off at 8 1/2 A M - directing Miller to remain & follow on with despatch. Manned the oars and after a hot pull of 2 hours overtook the fleet. At 2 1/2 P M entered upon the "troubling shoals" 4 m from Hiwassee. At 3 succeeded in landing on the right bank of the River - a water in Willow bay.

The boat was inspected from Doddy & to other fleets. In rounding too owing partly to the force of the current & partly to bad management the Moll Thompson struck the limbs & trees with some violence & received serious damage in her frame work. Arrived here till 5 o'clock, repairing &c - when Miller's boats passing us; we took on board an Indian pilot & lashing the flats two & two cast off & struck for the stack. At 7 P M we had successively

surmounted the obstructions of the "Suck", the "Boiling Pot", the "Frying Pan", the "Skillet" &c & came safely to anchor here being 18 miles from the Mouth of Tennessee, having made 70 miles in the last 24 hours. Shortly after mooring for the night the boat that had been required from Eddy arrived & hauled along side the Squaw & Blue Buck to receive on board a portion of their crowded freight. The fanciful names above are those with which a series of Shoals or Rapids have been christened which beginning with the Tumbling Shoals & terminating at the Big Eddy scatter over a space of some 8 to 10 miles serious impediments to the River Navigation. It is just here that the river seems to have forced its way through Walkens Ridge & where aided by some convulsion of Nature the stupendous Mountain appears to have been rent asunder. The river foaming & roaring through its ragged & unnatural channel forms these Rapids, through which the velocity of its respective shoots probably vary from 8 to 17 miles per hour. Of these the Suck & the Pot are the most remarkable. The people express a lively feeling of relief at having surmounted without accident this dreaded pass. It seems that the dangers to be apprehended here have been held up by the opposers of Emigration as a formidable means of intimidation to those inclined to enrol. The Muscle Shoals is another long bar.

On board Molly Thompson
10 miles below Battle Creek Tenn R
16th March 1834

Morning Smoky & Cloudy. Clears off warm. Light airs from S.S.W occasionally freshening up into smart head winds. We start off 4 A.M pleasant enough towards evening when the wind freshens, & we are obliged to make a harbour at 5½ P.M. Distance run this day 40 miles. No occurrence of importance. The people generally have behaved well. They are too fond of firing their rifles, & some of them display a disposition to steal the Canoes along shore & appropriate them to their uses. This I have checked.

Molly Thompson 6 miles above Gunters' Landing Ala. 17th March 8 P.M

Cleared mild. Continues during the day. Light airs from S.W East up to 4½ A.M. Moderate here. Some sickness amongst the Children. Measles spreading itself rapidly through the Company. We made 44 miles today.

Varner's 3 miles below Decatur Ala. Tenn R
18th March 1834

Cloudy & Cool. Same during the day. Moderate airs from S.E

Had a fine rain during the night. At 9 o'clock P.M. we passed Gunters Landing leaving our boat with Miller & the Superintendent to pick up one or two families from Creek Path. Rec'd on board Gore an Emigrant. We floated along slowly during the day. Wind from the right quarter but not strong enough to keep us under water steady. We At 10 A.M. landed in a Canoe at Indiana 48 m below Gunters Landing: the endeavour to obtain pilots to take us through the Muscle Shoals. Whilst absent sufficient of whiskey was smuggled on board the fleet to create troubles for me to encounter upon my return: I have succeeded in discovering the guardsman, & in securing the ascertained liquor. Our Wind rises at sunset & P.M. varies & storms. Kedged in to the bushes & made all fast at 7 P.M. Distance gained in 24 hours – 77 miles.

On board Moll Thompson: Muscle Shoals
2 m below Lambs Ferry Ala – 17th March

Morning Cloudy & Mild. Clears off. Light airs from the N & baffling. Calm noon at 5 A.M. Land myself respectably to hunt up pilots, but unsuccessful until we reach the head of Elk & Shoals 14 m. There hauled the boats to wood & engage the services of a Mr Shoal. Continue our voyage after a delay of 2 hours – prep

safely through the Elk Shoals & landed again at Lambs Ferry to repair bars & for Mr M to collect his assistants. — Unfortunately there was a grocery here & liquor of course. And then my Contractor & Mr M were so slow in their movements that we did not get off until it was late in the afternoon & until my people were all very tipsy. Owing to the lateness of the hour, and the imprudence of attempting a passage of the Shoals in the night — we hauled up here at 6 PM — having come to day only 24 miles.

On board Mott Thompsons Muscle Shoals Tenn R
1 mile below Greens Bluff Ala. 20th March

Morning clear & pleasant — rather cool. Light airs from the North. — Rained violently over night. — At 6 A M cast loose — were floated finely down the shoals a brisk current each boat under its respective pilot & at a suitable distance from its leader. At 7½ A M took the main shoot at Green's Bluff which the last stood handsomely through & cleared without accident. These rapids are occasioned by a considerable fall in the River just here — which caused our boats fairly to jump as they struck them — & which extend for 2 or 300 yds. — We had scarcely cleared "the Bluffs" when a violent Squall sprung up which soon settled into a steady Gale from the N.N.E. The nearmost boats were part-

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opposite a secure landing; and after a hearty tug at the oars & some confusion amongst the timid we succeeded in safely mooring them under the lee of some trees & bushes. The two foremost boats however were forced into the shoals when the squall struck them. At first it seemed that they would be annihilated & for awhile our fears for their safety were painfully excited - at length however their efforts were successful; they weathered the town heads & the rapids which threatened them with destruction, & rode bravely before the gales. An island soon hid them from our sight but we trust that they have made a safe harbour a few miles below.

The storm has continued with unabated fury during the day & though it has lulled a little now - it promises a boisterous morrow. - From the appearances of the country about us I had congratulated myself that the winds had at least been friendly in casting one upon a wilderness shore & that I would only the chiefs & freaks of a wild but sober herd to contend with. In this however I was disappointed. My duties about the boat & some writing I was necessarily engaged in kept me on board the greater part of the day. And it is only since sunset I have observed the people flocking in with eggs & poultry &c - and some of them very merry. They report to me that there are plenty of fine farms hard by - and a distillery in operation not 2 miles off.

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distance traversed today 7 miles.

Same Muscle Shoals Ala.

21st March 1834

Morning Clear & very Cold. Moderate during the day. Gale rises again at Midnight & lulls only at Sunset. — Too positious for the pilots to venture out with the boats. Early in the morning visited the distillery. It is not more than a mile & half from our landing. Partly by remonstrances, partly by threats I succeeded from the owner a promise that he would sell no more Spirits. — Found a good many of my people loitering about there whom I turned homewards. — The day has passed off more quietly than I anticipated. I have spent it chiefly in visiting the different families — endeavouring to dispel their anxieties — promote Cleanliness, cheerfulness & sobriety & to render them contented with their situations. — In the evening two young women attempted to run away, but were detected & brought back by the active vigilance of their mother.

Moll Thompson's Head of Colberts Shoals

Tenn R. Ala shore. 22d March

Morning Clear & Cold. afterwards moderates. Steady light breeze from N W. — Lines over 6½ A M and successfully & safely are borne

over

over the "drunken & galloping waters" – the "dead horse" – the "little & big jumps" &c &c & came to a safe landing at Bainbridge – a settlement of one or two houses & a grocery at the foot of the Shoals – where we found our Consorts & where we discharged the pilots. – It is fortunate we were not delayed longer at our Camp on the Hiwassee. We found the waters very shallow in "the Shoals" & our boat struck repeatedly in coming over the "drunken waters". The water is falling rapidly & had we been belated a few days we should have been obliged to have waited at the best nights landing place for a tide. – After a half hours' delay we again cast off & resumed our voyage. – At 11½ A M passed Decatur & were disappointed in not finding steam transportation waiting here for us. Rec'd a letter from my Courier Mr Cheatham apprizing me that he had made the effort but could not get his boat through Colbert's Shoals; & was now in readiness for us at Waterloo. – At 5½ P M came to landing here: left Chief my Courier not thinking it prudent to attempt the Shoals at night. – Distance today 45 miles. – The health of the party is failing – several grown persons are down with sickness of various kinds – & there is a good deal of dysentery, & the measles amongst the children.

Steamboat Thos. Heatmans Waterloo

23d March 1834

Morning Smoky & damp. Light airs from the E. East off 4 to 8 A.M. Then strong Colbests Shoals - Near the foot of them passed Heathmans boat unloading Salt. Hailed him & demanded whether we should haul along side - He requested us to "drop down to Waterloo where he would receive us on board in a few minutes." Arrived at Waterloo 4 9" A.M. distance today 10 miles. At 9½ A.M the Heatmans came down. But was obliged to discharge the balance of her freight before she could receive us on board. At first this little boat was the only means of transportation offered in answer to my requisition for a sufficiency for 500 individuals - which of itself could not with any degree of comfort, health or cleanliness accomodate more than 180 persons. Not a fire place had been got up for my people to cook at - nor a round house Entire for their Convenience: and yet the transportation was reported in readiness & doubtlessly Mr Eng Expects his demurrage. In the course of the afternoon a Wheel was purchased the only one Mr C. said he could obtain at this place - but promises another "provided it should be found necessary when we shall reach the mouth of the River, or sooner if it can be had for the Money."

At 4 P.M Maj Conway & Miller arrived with the boat left at

Creek Path. They have succeeded in collecting about 20 more Emigrants, & I find in adding them to & examining the rolls we have about 457 all told. — At ½ to 5 P.M. began to shift the loads from the Flats, & weigh in to & throw away the superfluous plunder in the holds of the Steamers. — Great difficulties occur in assigning these undisciplined Creatures to the different boats — all want to live in the upper Cabin of the Steamers. There is only one way to deal with these people. Show them that you take an interest in their welfare, & do every thing in your power to secure their health, safety & comfort. But in doing this be consistent & resolute — and teach them from the first that you never swerve from the course which reason has pointed out for you, to gratify the idle whims, or selfish wishes of any of them. —

It is the Sabbath but in this hamlet of Doggeries & of brothels — got up to entertain the low & sensual tastes of the boat men who navigate the river — its sacred institutions is unknown or is not acknowledged, & the shops are alive with business; & in spite of my endeavours to prevent it, liquor has been retailed to the buyers with a liberal hand: and now the night has come on, my precious family, are all gloriously drunk. —

Rains in the afternoon & at night. —

Steamboat J. Stelman Waterloo

24th March.

Morning raw, Cloudy & Rainy. Steady Rain from the S.E. Commence to haul the Flat Dwelling along side the Stelman & to load in & stow away. A slow disagreeable & generally unpleasant business. The people are dissatisfied with their accomodations - or rather or want of them: and they have good reason to be so. I am very much mortified & vexed at the transportation Mr C has furnished, and had almost come to the resolution last night to reject it altogether - to float my Company in flats to the Mouth of the Tennessee R, whilst I would strike across to the Ohio & endeavour to overtake them ~~the~~ speedily with a more suitable Convoy and: or else to let them drop a little below the town & land & encamp on the opposite Shore until I could return with transportation.

The uncertainty of my finding Steamboats immediately upon the Ohio adapted to the navigation of the Arkansas R & the delays consequent upon my failure were objections to my first alternative: and the delay, & the dangers to which I would subject the Emigrants from exposure in Camp with the Measles raging amongst them were objections to the last alternative. The waters here are falling fast & should it be the case with those of the Arkansas a little delay might prove a great misfortune. The season too is getting

well advanced & time 'every hour' is precious to the interests of us all. And for these reasons I have - I know not how wisely - abandoned a rupture with my Contractor & thinking "it were better to bear the ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of". I have consequently endeavored to make the best of a bad arrangement, & have crowded most of my Charge as comfortably as Space will admit of on board the Steamer & the Keel. We shall have to get another Keel at Paducah - and as there are several families of Cherokee Emigrants who rec.d their Commutation allowance of me at the Agency & who are transporting themselves who have overtaken us in their boats to day & who are extremely solicitous to be taken on board upon their own expenses I have consented to Mr C's towing them down to Paducah, & that after my people shall be provided for on board the Keel that is to be purchased, they shall occupy the balance of its accomodations. Mr C will be obliged to buy a flat or two, to accomodate the balance of my company for whom I cannot make room on board the boats he has already provided.

Dr Marshall the young gentleman I hired upon Mr Cheatham's recommendation requested Mr C to Engage as a Medical Attendant for the trip - relieved Dr Eddington of his duties today. He reports 27 Cases of Sickness - but 2 or 3 however of a serious nature.

A female infant child of Thomas Brights died at 8 o'clock P.M. on

Steamer J Gealman 20 m below Waterloo

25th March 1834

Morning cloudy & low. Occasional showers through the day. Light airs from S & E. — Bespeak a Coffin for Bright's child & direct a grave to be dug. Continue loading - At 12 M. bury the child. — Complete the loading - getting in of provisions &c of lashing on 3 keel boats at ½ PM At 5 PM Cast off. - Distance traversed today 20 miles.

It has been owing to the wretchedness of Mr C's preparations that we delayed so long at Waterloo. Had he been at it upon our arrival there with proper means of transportation we could easily have loaded in in a day. - As it was the people had time to get drunk before any labor was exacted of them, & after that it became a matter to collect them & their plunder & get them on board.

Gealman - 150 m in Tenn R from its mouth

26th March

Morning cloudy - but cool & pleasant. Light baffling airs from the North. — Made but little headway in the night - Stopped once to wood - & once for several hours to repair the wheel buckets. The little flat that bore Bunting's family, friends & plunder - one of the boats scuttled to have towed - which was lashed alongside of the Keel - filled in the night & went down. The people on

board had barely time to save themselves. They lost most of their property. On this morning the Harry Hill came along side with my provisions from Louisville. Rec^d on board 75 Bbls of Flour & 45 Pickled Pork & 2 of Salt: the balance to be delivered at Paducah. Had the Flats lashed to the Harry Hill & put on board some of the Emigrants with the Superintendent. The Hill is a new boat of fine model & considerably larger than the Yeatman - but unfortunately of greater draught; otherwise, as she belongs in part to Mr C., I would have insisted upon an Exchange. We Stopped twice today to wood. The Captain of the boat is quite a youth & very green in his profession - Indeed we seem to have a crew of boys. Distance traversed last night & today 95 miles

On board Thos Yeatman Ohio R. Illinois side
Opposite the mouth of Cumb R. 27th March

Morning Cloudy & raw - afterwards clears off & becomes Mild & pleasant. Winds baffling first SE & finally gets round to NW. Fire arms during the night. Wood at daylight 1¾ hours again at ½ 3 PM 1½ hours. Found it necessary to warn the Captain that he was consuming too much time in wooding. Once in the night & once during the day is quite sufficient.

At 5½ P M debouched upon the Ohio R, & [illegible]ded to on the Illinois Shore opposite the Mouth of the Tennessee. Here we found our flat boats together with the balance of my provisions - 2 Bbls of Pork missing - brought & left here by the Henry Hill. She here left bound returned to the Cumberland R.

Here instead of finding an additional Reel in readiness as had been promised, & Every thing at our hands to deliver our voyage without delay Mr C tells me he cannot obtain a Reel although I see one lying idly on the opposite Shore. He wishes me to allow the surplus of the people to be transported in the flats to the mouth of White R. This was too much - Told him to "furnish a Reel instantly, or land us". He as promptly replied that the Reel should be furnished forthwith. - And this additional Reel is I am afraid a poor arrangement for although it will give us the room we cannot do without it may prove a considerable hinderance to us in ascending the Arkansas R. - Shall not be able to move from here to-night. Mustered my Charge & find that with those we took in tow at Waterloo there are 224 souls. - Distance traversed the last 24 hours. 160 miles. - Washed out the Steamer & Reel today at 8 A M. - & gave orders that the boats should be thoroughly swept Every morning, & Washed every other morning in pleasant weather. —

Gatemans Mississippi R 20m below the
Mouth of the Ohio R 28th March

Morning Clear & Moderate. Calm - light baffling airs from the N. — Crossed over to Paducah - obtain the Keel - return & load in. All other pretty comfortable. At 12 M get under weigh — at 6 PM we floated upon the waters of the Mississippi. 60 miles from the Mouth of the Tennessee. At 6½ PM landed to wood on the Ky. Shore. Delayed 1 hour. —

It is 9 o'clock I have just been called from my pen by the Shrieks of women & a sensible confusion pervading the boats. As I passed on to the Larboard guard — the alarm was given that "a Woman had fallen overboard" — the boat was immediately checked & the yawl manned & cast off. But all in vain: the night was dark & the immense headway ~~the boat had on~~ at the time of the accident, left the poor wretch far behind before assistance could be properly attempted — one wild shriek rose in the distance, & the waters closed over her forever — The yawl was ordered in, & the boats pursued their voyage. —

It was Anna the sister of Daniel Reynolds: a simple minded girl of 18 years of age. She had been to one of the cooking fires upon the deck of the Larboard Keel

and was returning below when her foot slipped & she fell over the stern of the boat. — She was not an Emigrant, and until this misfortune befell her, few knew that she was on board. — I had cautioned the people against these accidents, and positively ordered that the fires should be extinguished at dark, & that after that time they should confine themselves below decks, or in their respective Cabins. —

Distance traversed today — 80 miles. —

On board Greetman below Randolph Tenn
Mississippi R 210 m from the mouth of the Ohio R
29th March 1834

Clear, mild & pleasant. Moderate Airs from the S.W. — Stopped 2 hours in the night to repair wheels — gained 70 miles before morning. — At 9 A.M. wooded on the Missouri Shore delay 1½ hours — At 6 P.M. rounded to, & wooded on the Arkansas Shore — delay 1½ hour. Passed Randolph 7½ P.M. The people, today have shown themselves Cheerful & Contented. The health of the party I think is on the mend; & this is the doctors report. — And we go along swimmingly. In the last 24 hours we have made 190 miles. — Breakfast out at 8 A.M. —

On board Steamer Mississippi R 360 miles
below the Mouth of Ohio R 30th March

Morning Clear & Cool. Moderate weather. Light Airs SWW. Made 80 miles during the night. Between 2 and 3 A M passed Memphis. At 8 A M wooded on the Arkansas Shore - delayed 1 hour. At 5 P M wooded on the Arkansas Shore detained 1½ hours. People Cheerful & Contented - fresh Cases of Measles: and of dysentery. - Gain these 24 hours 150 miles

Steamer opposite the Post of Arkansas
Arkansas R 60 miles from its Mouth
31st March

Morning Clear, Mild & delightfully pleasant. Light westerly Airs.. At Midnight we rounded to & came to a landing at Montgomery's Pt at the Mouth of White R. There we found a fleet of 8 or 9 Flat boats with about 200 Cherokee Emigrants being those who had recd the Commutation allowance & who were transporting themselves at their own Expenses. Most of these people had left the Cherokee Nation 20 days before us. They only arrived here a few days ago, & some of them have suffered severely from Sickness & the want of proper attendance & Medicines. Several deaths have occurred amongst

them from Measles. — They are now generally in health; but most of them regret that they had not availed themselves of Government transportation. They have had unpleasant voyage down here — have found the labours more onerous — the expenses greater — & their expenses higher than they had expected or were prepared for. — Several of them pleaded so hard to be recd. on board & their brothers & sisters who were with me were so anxious to have them — that I gave my consent to the Captain — that he might take in 12 or 13 more. — Messrs Montgomery's boat is expected down the river in the course of this day, & he promises to transport all who are here on reasonable terms & without delay. —

Cast off at 10 A.M. & began to ascend White R. — Stopped to wood 3 miles from M. 3/4 hour. Struck the Cut off 5 miles from the mouth of White R, & pursued our course through this 6 miles into the Arkansas R. Commenced navigating the Arkansas 1 PM — At 6½ PM stop to wood — Delay 3/4 hour. Distance traversed last 24 hours 100 miles. — Policed at 8¼ A.M.

On board Steamer Arkansas R 100 miles from its Mouth

1st April 1834

Morning Cloudy & Moderate — becomes Clear & pleasant. Baffling airs from S & S.E. — Obliged to come to landing last night 3 miles above

the Port of Arkansas to repair fly wheel – which the Captain reports to me was broken" by a number of the Emigrants becoming alarmed at the sudden stopping of the boat & crowding suddenly to one side." That a number of my people became intimidated & crowded to the side of the boat, they do not deny: but I doubt whether any shock produced by such a movement would have been sufficient to have broken a "substantial" fly wheel. – Got under weigh at 5½ A M. Run on making slow head way – for against such a current we feel the burthen of our keels – til 4½ P M when we wooded 1 hours. Came to a landing here, on the right bank at 8¼ P M: being afraid to run through the night in consequence of Snags & Sawyers hereabouts. Distance made today 37 miles

On board Steamer Arkansas R 155 miles from Mouth
2d April 1834

Morning Cloudy & Cold. Rained accompanied with thunder & lightning in the night. Clears off towards morn – but continues Cold throughout the day. For some days past the weather has been quite sultry upon the river from 11 to 3 or 4 in the Afternoon. The thermometer must have fallen full 20° per night. Steady breeze from the N W. on Cast off 6¼ A M – at 11 A M wooded 1½ hours delay – wooded again at 6½ P M – 1¼ hours delay. –

Have passed a good many Snags & Sawyers today. But the river now appears to be pretty clear of them - and as we have a bright Starlight night we propose to hold on our course. - People a little discouraged at our slow progress & the reports of the difficulties of navigation above in consequence of low waters. - A good deal of Sickness amongst the Children - the Measles is extending itself pretty generally through the party: and from the inexperience of parents & their neglect of the advice it will be surprising if it does not result fatally to some of them. - Distance travelled today 55 Miles.

On board Yeatman Arkansas R 211 miles from its Mouth
3d April

Morning Clear & Cool - Sultry at Noon - Cool at night. Light Airs W.N.W. - Continued to run slowly in the night until 2 A.M. when striking a Snag we hauled in to Shore & laid by till morning. Fortunately sustained no material damage. Cast off again at ¼ 6 A.M. - Moored at 12 M. - ¾ Hours & landed here for the night to wood & clean out boilers 8 P.M. - A trader boarded us today just from the vicinity of Ft Smith - Confirms the reports of low waters & of a scarcity of provisions above which we heard for the first time at Montgomery's Pt. He thinks however from appearances that they have had copious rains of late on the

Canadians & that we will very likely meet a tide before we reach the Rock. Our Distance gained today 56 miles. — Washed out 9 A.M. —

On board Steamer Arkansas R 263 m from its Mouth

4th April

Morning Cool & Clear — from 12 M until 3 PM exceeding hot — Evening Cool again. Light Northerly Airs Morning & Evening — Calm at Noon. —

Are belated in getting under weight till ½ 8 A.M. — Made excellent headway until 3½ PM — When we wooded & threw away 2 hours of good daylight. Continued our Course 5½ PM & are still running 9 PM. Our Distance traversed 52 miles.

Same Arkansas R 288 miles from its Mouth

5th April

Morning Clear, Mild & very pleasant — Warm at Noon — Cool in the Evening. Light & baffling Airs from the West & South. — Came to a Landing last night at ½11 PM, for fear of Snags &c. — Got off at 6 A.M. — Run along slowly — Once striking a Sand bar but soon off — til 12 M when we wooded with Green Ash ¾ hour. Run again til 5½ PM when we again wooded & buried here the girl child of Bascomich a Cherokee: who died this morning. Delay 1½ hours. Continued our Course with frequent unexpired stops & bungings at the Wheel until

8 ¼ PM: when we landed for the night. — Distance today 25 miles

We are now 12 miles from & below, Little Rock and still the point which we wish to reach lies nearly 400 miles above us. From the many obstructions & increased shallowness of the waters we have had to contend with in the last 24 hours, the Captain of the boats seems already to have come to the conclusion that the obligations of the Contract on his & Employers part, will be fulfilled upon our reaching the Rock. The pilots however both of whom have navigated the River before are more sanguine; and their opinion that "we can go with safety much further & probably reach our point of destination Even without a tide". And when I told them that I could lighten the boats upon a stretch of "Ten tons of provisions" - they replied that "with that much from our draught our success would be certain". — That our progress will be slow I am well satisfied of for our keels are a quite the drawn & the force of the Current increases as we ascend the River. — But it would be a much more tedious undertaking to march my Company through this Wilderness Country to their new homes & to transport in wagons their sick, provisions & plunder — besides the additional fatigue & expense, loss of time & great Entire Expense, to which I should subject all parties; & for which I might never be able to show to all a Satisfactory Cause. — Measles & other sickness increasing - Complaints of neglect of duty & other Misdemeanours of my drivers. —

On board Steamer Little Rock Arkansas R

300 miles from the Mouth. on 5th April

Morning Clear & warm - Continues during the day. Light Southerly Airs.

Cast off at 5½ A M - Move along slowly, & have some difficulty in getting over a Shoal 3 miles below the Rock. At 10½ A M come to a landing here. Distance traversed today 12 miles.

I was fortunate to find here one of the Principal Disbursing Agents of the Emigrating Department in the person of Capt Jacob Brown of the 5th Infantry. an officer with whom I formerly served under the Auspices of the Quartermaster General on the New England Stations, & with whose Sterling Merits I was well acquainted. Feeling myself a novice in the duty in which I am Engaged - Ignorant, save in hearsay knowledge, of the Navigation of the river - and alike ignorant of the resources of the Country & of the facilities or obstructions to land transportation - with a weakly Company under my Charge, & Sickness still spreading amongst them I could not but be painfully sensible to the weight of my responsibilities. Under such circumstances it was a thousand times more grateful to me than under the Ordinary occurrences of life to meet with an old friend to whom I could safely confide the difficulties of my situation, & upon whose Experience, disinterestedness, & judgement I could with confidence repose.

In Capt B. I found such a friend: a counsellor possessing both the Capacity & the will to serve me. — A residence of more than 3 years at Little Rock during which time he has been actively & efficiently employed in the Removal & Subsistence of Indian tribes has given him a thorough insight of the resources of the Country, and of the Natural history & Navigation of the River. — In laying open my position to this valued officer & in submitting to his consideration my views, my resources & my resolves: it was flattering to me to learn that my course elicited his approbation, & that of the future he thought as I did. — With regard to the present stage of waters on the River above — our chance of further progress & the prospects of a speedy tide we consulted several respectable authorities. All concurred in advising me to proceed with the boats; nothing doubting but the river would rise in a day or two. that it was very unusual for the waters to keep so low, at this season of the year, so long as they already had — & that I would undoubtedly meet with a tide before any serious obstruction would oppose itself to our course. — These advices and the information which I rec.d from Capt B that the Country was even more barren of ~~Sustenance~~, & more desolate & inaccessible than I had imagined — that there would be a great difficulty in obtaining wagons at this particular season of the year — ~~besides~~ the afflictions to which I would be

Exposing the Settlers of the Country through which I should pass by bringing the Measles amongst them — Strengthened me in my resolution only to abandon the boats as a last resort.

I then endeavoured to find a ready Market for my Surplus Provisions — but failing in this I resolved to have them here in Store subject to the order of Capt. B or myself, to be sold whenever a favourable market should present itself. — On turning to the boats I directed that 45 Bbls of Flour & 35 ditto of Pork should be immediately landed & turned over to R C Byrne Esq in whose warehouse they were safely stored, & whose acts stand. Conditions of Storage 12½ cts pr Bbl for the first Month; 6¼ cts pr ditto for each succeeding month. Entire Charges drayage, labour &c. —

Upon my return to the boats I found that the doctor's recent conduct had created quite an excitement throughout the Company Many of the Emigrants have had access to liquor today & are disposed to be riotous, & those of them who report that their sick families have been very much neglected by the Dr. are savagely exasperated & threaten to throw him overboard. For some days past complaints have been made to me of sundry misdemeanours of this young man: from a thorough investigation of which I am satisfied that the allegations are mainly true. The charges were "neglect of his patients", "intermedling with the domestic

concerns of families" - "teaching juggling tricks & slight of hand" at Cards for which he rec^d Compensation", & "improper intercourse with married women." I also find that he has made himself Exceedingly busy today in my absence in Endeavouring to dissuade the Captain from proceeding further with the boats.

This Doctor was introduced to me by Leonard P Cheatham under the Name of Edward Marshall & was highly recommended to me forth on account of his professional ability & gentlemanly deportment. He is an Irishman by birth - of English Education & a pupil he says of Abernethy's. He came to this Country fifteen months ago, & has recently married a Sister of Mr Cheathams. But he possesses high literary & scientific attainments & is liberally gifted with nature's most brilliant gifts, none who are acquainted with him will deny. He also possesses in no small degree the accomplishments of the Musician, the painter, & the poet & to these I have lately discovered he adds the powers of the Ventriloquist, the juggler & the Mountebank. But he is unfortunately one of those deluded young men who failing to attach a proper value to their more solid acquirements & to the performance of their positive duties - throw themselves away upon trifles & interest themselves in other body's business but their own. In the early part of the

voyage I had observed what I then considered his "weak points". & thinking him a stranger to the manners & customs of this Country & more particularly to those of the people with whom he found himself then associated; I took him aside, & in terms friendly & the most delicate I was master of, apprised him of the duties which were expected of him; & recommended to him the mode of their performance which would prove most agreeable to his patients & to myself; & I hoped eventually to him. He rec.d this counsel gratefully, & in the spirit with which it was bestowed.

I have however found it necessary to recall his attention repeatedly to my early advice — but in vain for any beneficial results. The light which has today been thrown upon his character left me without an alternative. I paid him proportionally what I had contracted to give & dismissed him.

Weak as we are this step was unavoidable. He had lost the confidence of the people — could have been of no service on board & might have been the cause of much mischief. — I have engaged the services of Dr Lee of this place, who promises to overtake us tomorrow at a wood yard above. — Stephen Spaniards' girl child died this morning of Measles & was buried here this evening. — In consequence of the Captains' desire to obtain another pilot & thereby

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this abrupt one here – I have consented to remain here until morning. –

On board Yeatman 22 miles above
Little Rock – 7th April 1834 –

Morning Cloudy & Moderate: afterwards Clear. Light Airs S.E. – Delay starting off till 9½ A M waiting for a pilot: Not being able to secure one pursued our course. Much disturbance on board last night & this morning in consequence of the liquor obtained at the Rock. Sandich to move 3 miles above point of departure: delayed here two hours. Continued to run till 6½ P M when we hauled in for the night; being afraid to venture navigation just here after dark. We have run on several logs today, & there has been a good deal of bungling Scarcely see no capacity for. Take it all in all boats, Machinery & Crew are Miserably Shabby & equipment. – Made today 22 miles. – Dead Parrot boy child died this morning of dysentary, & was buried here. We have not succeeded in reaching the point where Dr Lee proposed to overtake us. – Washed at 10 A M. –

Same 35 miles above Lt Rock Ark Terry
Arkansas R – 8th April. –

Morning Cloudy & Moderate – Clear off warm at noon. Light SE airs. Got underweigh at 6½ A M. Stopped at 8 A M to

refit boilers - 1 hour. & again at 11 A M to repair wheel 1 3/4 hour - and after divers delays in getting over shoals &c rounded in here to moor at 4 P M. - Here we buried Dan L. McDowelds Child, who died of the fever this morning. See nothing of Dr Lee yet. - In consequence of our delays from mooring & burial - concluded to remain here over night. - Made today 13 miles.

On board Yeatman Arkansas R 43 miles above Little Rock - 9th April 1884

Cloudy & raw with some rain. Light Easterly airs. - Rain in the night. - At 1/4 7 A M made a start. Almost immediately stopped to repair a wheel. Delayed 1 1/4 hours. Proceed with frequent obstructions from navigation - most of which I am satisfied we might have avoided, had we had a river pilot on board until 12 M when we were again detained to repair wheels until 1/4 to 1 P M. - then came to this landing where we shall remain over night. - Hensons Child died to day, of the worms it is supposed, & was buried here this Evening. In distance made today 8 miles. - Very police at 9 A M. - It is very difficult to keep up any kind of police amongst these people: most of whom have rather live in filth. And there are getting to be so many sick children about: I am obliged to be sparing of water. -

On board Yeatman Mouth of Cadron Creek A.T.

On Arkansas R – 10th April 1834

Morning Clear & Pleasant – Some Rain in the Night – warm at Noon. – Light Airs from the West. – Finding the Current too strong to contend against successfully with the Reels – & that I could hunter about One hundred amongst the able bodied & healthy of the Emigrants who were willing to take any trifling Compensation I would believe & to terminate their journey to Fort Gibson – several of them who were Sober, responsible & influential men capable of Conducting such a party safely to the Kiowas. I resolved over night that I would leave one of the Reels here – & the party who are to march to the Nations on the right Bank of the River & let them walk up to the point opposite the Mouth of Cadron Creek which is but a few miles by land through 10 or 12 by water – there ferry them over to the left bank near which the Military road crosses the Cadron, & there issuing to them Rations for 15 days, & paying the sum of $2 per head for each of the party into the hands of Honest Bill Bolin which will be sufficient to buy a good ox team to carry their provisions & light cooking utensils – & admonishing them against the Evils of loitering upon the way – & of the necessity of speed, Economy, Subordination & good fellowship – leave them to the guidance of the stout fellows I shall set over them: The remainder of the people I can with a little crowding accomodate on board the remaining boats. This is a step I would rather

have avoided; but it has only been adopted after mature consideration & after I had minutely weighed the merits of every other alternative. I have been satisfied in my own mind since yesterday morning that the Yeatman can never accomplish her trip with the two keels in tow; & I am also of opinion that we will be able to get along very well with one of them: which is also the opinion of the pilot. — We soon shifted our cargoes & loaded Bolin's party & at 8½ A M we got under weight. After several failures we succeeded in effecting our passage through a narrow channel & short reach before us. We then kept on until 11 A M when another rapid put our wheels again out of working order & we were obliged to lay by & repair nearly 4 hours. At 5 P M again started & came to a landing here at 7½ P M. — The boats are employed in ferrying over the land party. — Richardson's child died this morning & was buried this evening of relapse from Measles. — Distance made today 12 miles.

On board Yeatman Ark R Mouth of Cadron Cr
55 m above L Rock — 11th April

Morning Calm, Clear & pleasant. — Pay Bolin $204 for transportation of his Company 102 strong — Some Cotton to hire for 15 days; & took leave 8½ A M. The heavy plunder of this party remains on board. — At 9¼ moored — detained 1¼ hours. Continued smoothly on

our way until 12 M. — when our course was stopped by a bar extending seemingly across the river. The yawl was got out & the pilot went himself to examine & sounded the bar at every point — & in three quarters of an hour returned with the discouraging intelligence that it was out of the question to proceed further. "There was but 2½ inches on the bar & we drew 8½ feet." — The Captain now reported to me that he had fulfilled on the obligations of the Contract on the part of his Employer; & was prepared to land us. — The Country about us was low, marshy & exceedingly forbidding. The bluff upon which Shaw left Boling & his party was high, airy & supplied with Springs of pleasant water. It appeared to me now that we would have to complete our journey by land — for the water was still falling & there was no appearance of rain above or a rise — my people had become very tired of the boats, & were getting daily more & more sickly. This being the case I did not wish the Company to be divided; but therefore might be better kept together & move in a body; and as I knew that Boling would not leave his Camp till morning, I ordered the Capt to drop down to our last night's landing. — Thus here we came to anchor at 4½ PM. I immediately gave orders to Millerstin Interpreter & a kind of help assistant of mine — to disembark the people to land immediately & rig up for themselves comfortable shelter

and in the morning to get the women sick & children ashore; also to land all their plunder, & wash & air their Clothing & bedding; & in fine to make the best of the few days we had to halt there, in recruiting themselves for a land journey or if necessary to resume their voyage in the boats. I also directed him to say to the people that I was now going out into the Country to hunt a horse - that I should ride all night & by the morning would reach the Rock. That from thence I would immediately despatch a ~~good~~ doctor to the relief of their sick, & the I would endeavour to make arrangements to accomplish their journey by land. - The Captain of the boats I ordered to remain where he was in demurrage until my return.

I then made my way through the woods to a ~~little~~ farm house about 3 miles from our landing - where I endeavoured to hire a horse. The people of the house had none to loan but told me that if I wanted a doctor there was a very good one living a little more than 3 miles from there & not much more than 1 from where I had left my people, & that moreover they believed I could hire a horse there.

It was dark when I scraped the Cadron & arrived at the Cabin of Doctor Roberts. - After a few minutes conversation I was so well pleased with his unpretending manners & his plain matter of fact conversation that I requested him to visit my sick - to this he yielded a cheerful assent; & also promised to provide me a horse in the morning.

We groped our way to the boats & visited the various sick. Of these it is the doctors opinion there are but two dangerously ill: the others mostly children he thinks will regain their healths after breathing the fresh air on shore for a few days. One of the dangerously sick is a child who has been pining for some time - the other is a full grown man & a full blooded Cherokee Chief Hard, who with the Measles on him - plunged yesterday at ball on the sand bars below, & whilst in a glow of heat plunged repeatedly into the river. He was seized this morning with violent spasms, cramps & watery discharges - Symptoms very similar to those reported of Asiatic Cholera. He was scarcely alive when the Dr visited him. On his making known to Dr R my situation & my wants; he apprised me that there was to be a battalion muster on the morrow not more than 14 miles from here and that as it is the first that they have ever attempted to get up in this County it is probable there will be a very general gathering & that most of the prominent farmers far & near will be there, & that he thinks I will be able to secure as many teams as I shall want on the spot. He also consents to remain with me over night - to visit the sick again early in the morning & afterwards to accompany & aid me in my business to the Muster field. My first intention was to have gone to the Rock & to have made my arrangements with the aid & advice of Capt Brown. But if I am successful tomorrow it will

be a great saving of time & Expense. I will afterwards repair to the Rock, & negotiate for funds. &c. —

On board Steamer at Cadron Cr Ark R
12th April 1834

Morning Clear, Mild & pleasant. Light Westerly Airs. — *Thigh Hee died over night & was buried in the forenoon. — Visited the Sick — no new Cases — people pleased with their new doctor. Recd from Bolin the Money & Rations advanced yesterday. — At 8 A M started in Company with Dr R for Lewisburg where the Muster is to be held. At 11½ reached the ground. — My days' work was a failure! In the first place the gathering was not so great as was Expected, & of those who were there & who had teams & wagons — most of them could not spare them from their farms as they were beginning to make their Crops — Some were Engaged at a distance, & the few whom I could Enrol became at last so Extortionate in their terms that I gave up having anything to do with them as a bad business & returned to Camp. "Six Dollars per day whilst loaded & their Expenses to the Nation & the same with Substance & forage Commuted at 20 Miles per day returning" were offered to these people & rejected. — Tomorrow I shall try my fortune at the Rock. — The people, with the Exception of one or two families — are Encamped in the woods; and are cheered with the prospect of proceeding on their way by land. — *Alias Kah Kullah. —

Little Rock Arkansas Territory
13th April 1834

Morning Cloudy & threatening rain. Violent thunder Storm at Noon Clears off 2 P.M. Baffling airs from S to N. — The river rose two inches over night & continues to rise very slowly. — Visited the sick in Company with the Dr & found Ailee a Cherokee woman who has for some days been afflicted with an inflamation of the Chest getting sensibly worse also a child of Old M Coys very low with Measles. The remainder of the invalids on the mend. — I then ordered the Captain of the Steamboat to thoroughly Clean & furnish his boats, & make such repairs to his wheels & Machinery as they required, & to hold himself in complete readiness to take on board the Company & its effects should the present rise of the waters justify the renewing our voyage. — I also directed Mr Miller to say to the people that they must complete the washing & airing of their Clothing &c & that in case of a further rise of 2 feet in the River, must get on board all their baggage & be prepared to embark themselves at a moments warning. — I then mounted at 8½ A.M. and — after a thorough drenching from the rain — crossed the ferry at this place at 6 P.M. distance 37 m. I instantly called at Capt Browns Quarters — but to my great disappointment found that he had left the Rock for Washington City a few days previous. I was also mortified to learn that I would be unable to raise funds here upon my drafts payable at Nashville

and that even if I were disposed to draw at sight upon the Asst. at Washington - in consequence of the scarcity of Money - I would only be able to obtain small sums. In answer to my Enquiries of the probable chances of obtaining teams & wagons in this vicinity - the replies were most discouraging, & more so as it related to the difficulties of the route, of foraging & of subsistence. In consequence of the great fresh last Summer & of its destruction of the Crops along the river - a dearth has been created above, which is said to be the cause of much suffering amongst the thinly scattered settlers. - With a sort of "I don't know what to do" feeling I went down to the river to examine into prospects there. The waters were still rising, and from the ferrymen & others I heard that the river had risen back. 25 since morning & that there were the usual prospects of a tide. This at least was encouraging. I immediately hunted up the pilot who had been recommended to me as the best on the river: whose services I wished to engage for our boats should the prospects in the morning justify our again taking to the water. He was unfortunately previously engaged to the Arkansas a steamer which is of the same draught with the Fleetwood, & which also lies water bound 14 miles above the mouth of Cedron:- and there is no other pilot in the place just now. So certain is he however that the long looked for tide has at length come that he "shall start" he says "early in the morning to fri: his boat."

The Citizens of the place too are all cheered by the prospects - for their interests are all more or less affected by it - & are sanguine that in a day or two "the river will be alive with boats again."

Under these circumstances should the water continue rising in the morning - I will leave here at an early hour - hasten back to Camp - push Bolin's party on by land, & once more trust the fortunes of the remainder to the boats.

Occurrences at Camp in my absence as since ascertained

Before leaving the Cadron this morning the following Emigrants Williams Woodhall, Townsend, Danl & Alex^r McDonald being all white men with Cherokee families - responsible & every way capable in my estimation of taking care of themselves: reported to me that they had brought a wagon & men in the neighborhood capable of carrying their effects, provisions & little children. That they were averse to going on board the boats again & were anxious to be speedily settled in their New Country. That they wished permission to proceed on now with their little company to the Agency & as they were a part of Bolin's party they asked that I would consider to them the proportional amt of Subsistence & Commutation I had originally granted. They were but 17 in all - and as I thought that so small a number with such a proportion of able bodied men amongst them could not suffer seriously ~~although the route of~~ 80 miles only - and as I believed they

would go at all events as soon as my back was turned — I gave them the Consent & assistance solicited. & shortly after my departure they took up their line of March. — The Captain of the Steamer completed the police, repairs & fumigation of the boats. the Company its washing & airing; and the Child of Old Mr Joy died & was buried; also a child of Jackson Smiths. —

At Dr Roberts' Cabin Mouth of Cadron
Ark. Terry. — 14th April 1834

Morning Clear & pleasant. Westerly airs & light. River rose about 5½ inches over night & still rising. — Steamboat Gallipolis arrived at the Rock last night & reports several Steamers below loaded with provisions & Corn for Gt Gibson. — Started at 6 A M, on my return to Cadron. Reached Camp at 4½ PM distance 35 miles & a rough Country. — Upon my arrival at the boats was again doomed to disappointment — the waters were at a stand & had only risen about 13 inches in all. It would be folly to embark with such a tide — it is not enough to carry us over the bar ~~which~~ stops the Arkansas 14 miles above. — But it still looks like rain above. — My people are recruiting finely from being on shore, & I hope a few days will set them all upon their feet again: by which time I will be able to decide upon their final disposition. — Mill Tuckers boy Child died of Measles this morning & was buried in the afternoon. There are still a

number sick with this disease, & of those who are infants we must expect to lose a portion. The doctor I am sensible does every thing in his power to heal his patients, & they are all well pleased with him - but in spite of his prescriptions, his personal attentions & his admonitions to parents - their little children die through sheer neglect of their mothers; for the want of proper nursing & protection from exposure. — It is some days since a great repugnance has been observed in the Company generally to the receiving of the pickled, or Army Pork, furnished for the mess ration. It is an article of food many of them never saw before they came on board the boats, & which they cannot accustom themselves. Indeed they believe it unhealthy, & many of them prefer bringing their meat to eating it. In consequence of this & of a desire to do what I can with propriety to ameliorate their conditions, I have succeeded to day in purchasing a few hundred weight of bacon of some of the Emigrants for the common good & have given out that I will buy whatever bacon may be in Camp & that as far as practicable I will substitute this meat for Pork hereafter. — In consequence of having had my rest broken for three nights & being pretty well broken down myself I retire for a few days past - after seeing the Camp quiet & the sick attended to I have come over here to get a good nights sleep. —

On board Thos. Gratman Cadron &c

15th April - 1834

Clear & pleasant - afterwards very warm for the Season. Light Westerly Airs. - Was called at a very Early hour in consequence of the Landing of the Gallipolis. She is a boat of lighter draught than ours, & the Captain has called to say that he can accomodate 40 or 50 of my Emigrants if I will consent to put them under his protection. Seeing that some of those who were here before their own Emigrants & who should take leave of at Waterloo & Montgomery, were anxious to avail themselves of this offer. I told them that they had my consent to go & that the Captain of the Gratman would return them a portion of their passage money - but that I thought it was very doubtful whether this boat could get higher than where the Arkansas lay. - They went on board however to the number of about 50 & the Gallipolis ~~pursued~~ her way. - I have visited the sick today and an alarming change has taken place in the health of the Party. A disease of a highly malignant nature - exhibiting symptoms of the Cholera kind & resulting in sudden death has made its appearance in our Camp. Two sisters the wives of Black Joe & Old Charley McDaniel & Robin Shelton's wife have already fallen victims to it - and besides these Spencer Shelton's Child of the Measles - and Cibee an Indian woman of Inflamation of the Chest have died & been buried within the last 24 hours. These deaths & our various delays

& disappointments have created a general feeling of alarm & discouragement and I have passed the day chiefly in going about from Camp to Camp - Cheering the drooping spirits of the people; and studying over & trying in vain to find a remedy for the evils which threaten us. - Neither the doctor nor myself have ever yet seen a case of Asiatic Cholera — neither of us are yet satisfied of the name & nature of this mysterious & unwelcome visitor - and we look forward to the morrow with anxiety & dread. — Yesterday & today I have observed a great change in the temperature of the atmosphere towards evening. The last night was unusually cold for the season, & this promises to be even more so. —

On board Yeatman Cadron Co A.T.
16th April 1834

The Sun rose bright & clear in the heavens this morning, and shed around us the brilliant beams of an April day. To us it should have been a day of Clouds — the gorgeous glories seemed to mock the wretchedness they shone upon. - Notes of lamentation & of woe arose upon the morning air - & the shrieks of the dying! - Insatiate death stalks through our little Camp & with a lingering & awfully disfiguring hand, greedily gathers in his victims to the garner. Every hope of yesterday has

vanished — that all sweeping scourge the Malignant Cholera is in our tents; & has scattered dismay & horror around us. — There were three cases of death before breakfast, and Eleven in all before the Sun went down. — At 10 A M I dispatched an Express to Little Rock for further Medical assistance: requesting by letters the aid & advice of Dr's Sprague & Lee, & the personal attendance of one of them. — A number of my people are now down with sickness of various kinds: and all are panic Struck, and are scattering through the woods building their Camp-fires as remote from each other as their Several fears direct them: and all are, I am afraid, but too well prepared to receive this terrible disease, if they have not the seeds of it within them already. — It is impossible for One physician to administer to them all. I have held a Consultation with Dr Roberts & have turned nurse & doctor myself — and my blood chills even as I write at the remembrance of the Scenes I have gone through today. — In the Cluster of Cedars upon the bluff which looks down both upon the Creek & River, and near a few tall Chimnies — the wreck of once Comfortable tenement, the Cholera has been most busily at work. Three large families of the poorer Class are there encamped, & I have passed much of the day with them, & have devoted the larger portion of my Cares to their Sufferers — but in vain were my efforts: the hand of

death was upon them. At one time I saw stretched around me - and within a few feet of each other - Eight of these afflicted Creatures dead or dying. — Yet no loud lamentations went up from the bereaved ones here. They were of the true Indian blood - They looked upon the departed ones with a manly sorrow, & silently mourned over the end we all must come to. Quietly they digged graves for their dead, and as quietly they laid them out in their narrow beds. They saw in it a fearful visitation of the Great Spirit & knew not how soon their own hour might be at hand. — There was a dignity in their grief which was sublime; and which poor & destitute, ignorant & unbefriended as they were, made me respect them. — The grief of the whites of my party is more loud & more distressing, yet lips touching than the untold sorrow of the poor Indian. — The heart broken wife or mother whose feelings had not from the cradle been nerved by the philosophy of the woods - could not when a beloved child or husband was snatched within an hour from rosy health & from her bosom, brood over her anguish in silence - She must tell her misery to the world. — The whites & the half breeds too are far more timid & far more selfish I find in scenes of danger & of affliction than the full blooded Indians. They are ever alive to a thousand superstitious fears - and hugging closely each to his individual

comfort – they churlishly & doggedly refuse all aid or relief to their suffering neighbours. –

The victims today are – Allen McJoy, & Rop child, Bolinger's dito Richardsons wife, J. Wilsons child, Mr England, Brewers' child two of Mr Vans & three of Black Jones Children: all of whom with the exception of Allen McJoy have been decently buried, & his Coffin will be in readiness in a few minutes.

Including the deceased there have been 27 cases of Cholera today in our little party. Most of whom thank God! are considered out of danger. Our treatment has been Laudanum, or opium with Calomel & occasionally Spirits of Camphor & liquid Ammonia. – 700 lbs Bacon bought & issued today. –

On board Westman Cadron Cr

17th April 1834

Morning clear & pleasant. Light Northerly Airs – The night much more quiet than the two preceding. – occasionally called up by the sick, & to administer to one or two new cases. There is a considerable change for the better today. I have gone the round & have devoted myself busily – & I take the consolation to think in many cases effectually – in the duties of my new vocations. – Seven in all have died to day of whom 5 were cases of yesterday 1 of last night & 1 this morning. Eight of yesterday's cases have recovered & three are doubtful. There

have been Fifteen new cases since last Evening including the dead.

— 10 o'clock PM. Mr Bry Express has just returned from the Rock bringing with him Dr Fulton as an Assistant Medical attendant — with the Consent of Dr's Sprague & Lee. — Dr F has seen a good deal of the Asiatic Cholera — was satisfied in reading my description of the Symptoms as addressed to Dr's S & L — that such this Scourge amongst us, & came prepared with Entire Medicines. Dr Roberts in consequence of a little indisposition has returned to his Cabin this Evening; & I have visited a few of the Sick with Dr F. — who had no sooner Examined the Cases than he pronounced them "those of Cholera of a very Malignant kind".

Little Rock Arkansas Terry.
18th April 1834

Morning Clear, Mild & Pleasant. Light Airs from W. — River still falling. — The health of Camp Ethiel is still on the mend there are a few new Cases & Several recoveries since yesterday. After visiting the Sick I held a Consultation with Dr's Roberts & Fulton respecting the Expediency of removing my people in their present State by land — also upon the most advisable mode of treatment for the disease with which they are now afflicted. Dr F recommended an immediate Removal by land — "he spoke from Experience, he had seen its beneficial effects upon the Choctaws, under similar Circumstances"

Dr R also urged the measure, & I very cheerfully acquiesced in it. Calomel as the ground agent in sufficiently large doses - from 15 to 30 grains according to the age & condition of the patient - and Opium in pill of from ½ to 1 grain as a palliative to assuage the irritability of the Stomach sufficiently long for the Calomel to attack the liver - and Mustard plasters applied to the Stomach & Entrailes - were acknowledged to be the most effectual means of assailing the disease & were to be adopted as a general treatment.

After giving sundry directions to Miller & to my Commissary Rep. - and after looking every where in vain for the Captain of the Yacht now to discharge him from further attendance; and delaying an hour on this account - I mounted horse at 10½ A.M. & gallopped off again to the Rock. Here I arrived at 7½ P.M. - distance 35 miles.

I immediately hunted up the Clerk or Assistant of the Principal Disbursing Agent here - obtained from him the names of such persons in this neighbourhood as were buyers of the public teams & wagons at the Sale - or otherwise the owners of wagons, carts, &c - informed him that it was no longer a question, but that I must be provided with means of land transportation - and requested of him every assistance he could bestow. He cheerfully tendered to me the full extent of his capacities & volunteered his services to engage the agency of one in the morning who had often proved himself an

efficient aid to Capt B & who could give me much assistance in collecting wagons, & much intelligence of the resources of the County through which I came & needs. — With regard to funds I have resolved to raise what monies I can ~~tomorrow~~ upon my deposits at Nashville. Should there be sufficient to cover the expenses of this removal — well & good. If not I shall make my wagon contracts payable by the Prince Daily Agent here when in funds — also Subsistence purchases, & forwarding payable in like manner upon my receipts, or Certificates &c.

Occurrences at Camp on the 18th since ascertained

There were seven deaths today — and five new cases — most of the sick yesterday & the day before are convalescent. There is still a good deal of the Measles in Camp, & many of those who have fallen victims to the Cholera had either this disease on them at the time of their attack, or were recovering from its ravages & still debilitated. — Very warm. — Deaths since last night Mr Wilsons boy child, Beer Fricks ditto Rob Sheltons ditto. — Mrs Cheeks daughter Sarah a young woman, Jones daughter *Celia ditto, Bird & wife per — Deaths on the 17th J Baker wife Charley McDaniel, Black Jones 2 children, Joseph Dobson's boy child *Rossetty's ditto, Bens boy child. — People employed in burying the dead nursing the sick — washing, & burning the underbrush of the grounds & tenting & smoked. —

* of Mr Bens family not on the Muster Roll
a Cherokee Emigrant

Bayou Palemo 18 miles above Little Rock A.T.

19th April 1834

Arose early. As my arrival in town last night was at a late hour it was not generally known. I requested Capt B's assistant Mr Reid to do for us as practicable to conceal it, & before going to bed to visit the owners of teams &c in the place & formed them — or if my presence here was known & object suspected to make it appear that I was closing my arrangements above & wanted but a few wagons from this neighbourhood. This mode of procedure I find necessary here — where every stranger or sufferer is looked upon by the people as fair game. we rode at an early hour to Col Rutherfords — the gentleman who had been recommended to me for active services last night. From him I obtained some encouragement of getting wagons from the Saline 30 miles or so South of this: — also valuable information concerning a new cut, on the upper route to the Nation of which I had not been before apprised; & by following which although I will have a somewhat longer road to travel the resources of the Country will be far more promising. — After securing his services & exacting a promise that he would meet me in town immediately after breakfast — returned to Capt B's office. Here I almost immediately enrolled three teams of Sampson Gray — a farmer who lives 15 miles from here on the Memphis road & who fortunately came

to town last night. He holds himself responsible on Contract for that number of Ox teams from his Settlement, & thinks he will be able to raise one or two more. He also promises to supply me with from 80 to 100 bushels of Corn at Cadron for $1/25 provided he is not obliged to go below his Settlement for it - if so $1/50 - also will Endeavour to furnish a supply of Bacon at ten Cents pr lb. - Several persons afterwards called & partially promised to furnish teams - to give a fixed answer in the morning. - With my Agent Col Rutherford - it was agreed that he should take Articles of Agreement filled up with my terms, signed by me & witnessed in his presence, & should immediately scour the Country between this & the Saline & should Endeavour to enrole in the service from ten to fifteen wagons - to be at our Camp on Cadron upon the 24th inst. - Whilst Mr Reed will secure the balance required in this neighbourhood. - In our present lame Condition - with so many sick & infirm - & our bread stuff to Carry - and our Smoke houses broken, & for a portion of the way, unopened Roads to travel - with the order so weakly as they are at this Season of the year - Twenty wagons would not be one too many for my wants: and I should not object to one or two more. Col R. Cam vouches he thinks for Eight & is sanguine that will obtain the fifteen: whilst two or three more he says may be picked up here. - I am ordered to Break up Camp & Cross the Cadron on the 25th however, if I have but wagons

Enough to take the sick & a little bread stuff – the cooking utensils & most of our private be carried by the men & boys & women who are in health. * Before leaving Camp I directed Miller to say to the people that for their welfare & at great expense to Government I was going to provide the means of completing our journey by land – that I had done & was doing every thing in my power to assist, & befriend them & help them over their difficulties: and that on their part I expected from them a cheerful cooperation – that they would have fatigues & privations & difficulties to encounter & that I relied upon their meeting them like men. That there were few wagons in the Country & these few should be got; and that consequently every family was required to reduce only such blankets, light bedding & cooking utensils, as were indispensable to the comfort of the sick & for their subsistence upon the road. It was recommended that every other article should be regularly registered by my Commissary with the name of its owner – re-shipped in the boats, & stored until high water ~~neither~~ they came of my agent at Little Rock. One copy of this register to be furnished to him, & another to the U.S. Agent in the New Nations. They could be sent for hereafter by this latter agent – & distributed agreeably to register to their rightful owners. * – Finding that I could only receive $500 upon my Nashville drafts & that at a ruinous sacrifice to Self of discount, expenses of postage &c – I filled up my Contracts payable by the Prince Disby Agent here. & knowing that my presence

was indispensable at Camp - I delegated them in presence of Messrs Reed & Rutherford, & distributing them between them - urged them to active exertions, & hastened to mind up such other business as the Service called for, & to hurry my departure. - My terms for managing on the same with those offered by Capt B in the late removal of the Choctaws: I have however authorized my agents to, use upon them should it be found necessary as thinking there were chances of damage to my Flour whilst stored in this hot weather. I have given Mr Reed authority to dispose of it - directing him to be on the look out & if an opportunity presents itself within 20 days of disposing of it advantageously by private market to effect a sale - if not, at the expiration of that time to expose it at public auction. My Pork is in good condition & will keep; & can only be sold here at a sacrifice as I engaged from 5 to 600 weight of Bacon of a Mr Hopkins to be sent to Camp as soon as practicable - it gets here, government to defray its transportation. - As my present duties require a great deal of activity on my part, & as I should have hired riding to Cotton for mules & be at an loss on the road I have purchased a light bay horse to day on acct of the U.S., & for my Service. He is 6 years old this grass - dark mane & tail - light hind foot white a star on his face, & a natural trotter. Price $87. - At 6 P.M. I crossed the ferry & mounting black, & leading my purchase with difficulty through the dark & over the hills - alighted here somewhere about Midnight. -

Occurrences at Camp on the 19th Since ascertained

Morning Clear & pleasant – light S W ~~winds~~ in the doctors busily engaged with the Sick. Health of the party improving but five new cases, & as many deaths today – all but one of whom were old cases – Some of the little Children who have had the Measles on them, seem to get over their Cholera Symptoms & afterwards die through sheer debility. – Dr F. forcies he had an attack of Cholera last night. – Deaths today. Old Morgans & daughter, S Holloway, John Woodwards Girl Child, Nancy Holcomb. – 4 bl 1/2 lbs Bacon & 23 Bushels Corn delivered by Mr Jobe –

Camp on Cadron Cr Ark Terry
20th April 1834

Morning mild & pleasant – warm day – Light airs S.W. – Crossed & mounted Early – Revolved Camp at 9 A M – 18 miles.

Alighted at the boats & apprised the Captain that he was discharged from further attendance, & that I was ready for Settlement. Deferred it 'til the afternoon in Consequence of his inability to get off until the morning. Rode through the Camp & Cheered the well & sick with the welcome news that in a few days they would be removed from this hated Spot. – The health of the Company is very promising. There has been but one death today – *Milly Bow. – & but three or four new Cases of a very mild nature – all of which

* { borne on the Muster Roll Nancy a Mother }
* { son of Mrs Bow }

are considered convalescent. There is some measles yet - & a great many who are very much debilitated & continue to keep their beds - there are convalescents from old cases. Mr Dr F & R look very much jaded down & well they may. The people have scattered for a mile through the woods over a space of from two to three miles square - & it is an arduous business to hunt them up, & visit their sick as often as the sufferings of the patient requires. Shipped 30 Bbls Pork & 2 ⅌ Salt on Yeatman to be stored at Rock. -

Camp on Cadron Cr
21st April

Morning Cloudy & Sultry. Calm, or baffling Southerly Airs. Health of Camp improving. two new cases & one death - Thos. McDaniels Child. - Yeatman & Reel being discharged yesterday left us today - I made only a partial settlement with Capt Roberts - as there are claims made by him for which I cannot acknowledge - admitting to his employees in all $3118 50/100. - Also paid to the Carpenter of the Yeatman $62 for supplying the material & making Coffins. Thus far all my dead have had as decent burial as the circumstances would admit - in some cases when prepared we have been obliged to put two & even three bodies in one coffin: but such instances have occurred rarely. - Last night I had the government horse purchased on the 19th - confined in a little stable at Dr Roberts but as there was not a mouthful of forage for him & none to be had hereabouts - I belled & hobbled him this morning & turned him out

to graze upon the premises of Dr R - requesting the negro boy to keep an Eye to him. In the afternoon he was missing - I immediately despatched a boy to hunt him, & as soon as I could obtain a horse started myself & have just returned - 9 P.M. - after a ride of fourteen miles in vain. - neither has the boy been more successful. People have been hunting these Cattle so much ~~about~~ this ground of late that it is a hard matter to track. - I have described the beast to several of the neighbours, & have offered to Compensate them if they would bring him in. - I fear that he has been stolen. He kept about & in sight of the house all day & the bell was constantly heard until about 20 minutes before he was missing when the negro girl says it "stopped very suddenly quite nigh to the house".

Horse stealing is very common they tell me in this Country - the thieves have only to cross the river - keep the wilderness & a few days will carry them to Texas, or to the Red R or among the Choctaws. It was a very easy matter for some Sly villian (knowing that there was no immediate means of fastening it about the Cabin) to have slipped the hobbles ~~about~~ a handful of leaves into the bell & to have driven my horse off in the like manner. Several ponies purchased by the Emigrants & hobbled out are also missing. - I have also succeeded to day in gaining further information of the Country above today. - Also engaged the services of George Fletcher as my assistant. This gentleman has been engaged recently in the removal of the Choctaws, & shows letters from Maj J. R. Hook. -

Found upon my return Dr Roberts down with strong premonitory symptoms of Cholera.

Camp on Cadron Cr Ark Terry
22d April 1834

Morning damp & foggy. Rained violently in the early part of the night - lains after breakfast - clears off at Noon & becomes warm. Light baffling airs from E to W. — Dr Fulton was several times called to prescribe to Dr R in the night - Dr R much worse this morning. His symptoms have become alarming violent spasms, coldness of the extremities - incessant vomiting & purging of rice water. Calomel in large doses, with opium was repeatedly administered - they were invariably ejected from the stomach, - the dilute Emetic &, at the patients' request, the shock of the cold bath was applied - but all to no purpose. At the request of Mrs R at 11 A M I dispatched an express for Dr McMillen one of the most accomplished physicians in the Territory & who lives about 15 miles from here. - At 11½ A M Dr Fulton returned from his rounds quite exhausted & looking wretchedly - he reported "the sick doing well" - & himself a case of Cholera, - that he could stand it no longer - was weary then to take his bed - and as he could not be properly attended to here he must leave me whilst he finds strength & get to the more comfortable house he

knew of - some 6 or 7 miles above. — Poor fellow! he is fatigued, and perhaps sick - and perhaps a good deal intimidated at Dr R's situation ... Well he has gone & left me alone to my troubles! — I have devoted the day to my poor friend. He has none to help him! His poor sickly wife can scarcely crawl about - the only servant has left the way, or has her hands full to keep this houseful of children from their dying father. The two or three miserable white people who are scattered within so many miles of his Cabin - though sent for, will not come. They are panic struck. — Dr Mennifee arrived at 4 PM - and reports the case of my patient hopeless. That was obvious to my eye long before his arrival - the back then for some hours collapsed & no medicine since morning had operated upon him. Dr R however wishing to leave nothing undone - applied a very powerful plaster of Cantharides to the stomach of the sufferer, & administered besides a grain of Opium & 60 grains of Calomel; and declining my invitation to visit the sick in Camp, as it would oblige him to stick to neglect his patients above some of whom were very low, & whom he had to ride 20 miles to night to see; accompanied a little way. — From him however I gleaned some professional information which may stand me in need in after trials. — Shortly after the departure of Dr M — Dr R became more composed - all pain had

left him & he had nothing further to struggle with but a difficulty of respiration. This continued fainter & fainter until 3 o'clock — he is dead; — and I have closed his eyes & have washed & composed his limbs, & with the assistance of the Negro, have laid him out as decently as I know how. — Poor fellow! his, was one of the most painful deaths I have witnessed. — For the last hour or so before he expired the scene became too distressing for his wife & children, & they left me to perform alone the last sad offices. — They now deafen me with their heart broken cries!

The doctor has fallen a sacrifice to his duty! His scientific attainments were limited, but he possessed a fund of good sense & of practical professional information; and these, with heart & hands, he generously devoted to the cause of his suffering fellow creatures. About 3 years ago he brought his family out to this country from Alabama: he has now left them in narrow circumstances in a strange land; and it is to be hoped that the government whose servant the father died, will in charity extend its helping hand to the orphan children.

Rec^d on today from Mr. Hardin from Little Red R to make compensation, good do for the sick & convalescent do at $1 50/100 per bush — paid by Capt. Brown L Rock.

Camp on Cadron Creek

23rd April

Morning Clear & mild. Warm during the day - Light Southerly Airs. — A distressing night. Early in the morning despatched a Messenger to a Carpenter 5 miles off to come & make a Coffin for Dr R - also to other neighbours 3 & 4 M from here to come & assist at the burial. — Went the rounds ~~unfortunate~~ for I. Can get no horses - & for the Sick & debilitated. as I saw it was no small undertaking. I am not much of a Physician & I feel that I am but a poor prop for these unfortunates to rest upon — but I have done, & will do my best!

The Camp is far from being as healthy as ~~that~~ I reported it yesterday. Saunders & Wife & a young Indian woman, & Mrs England & Brewer & Chas Child are all alarming Cases — Polly Spaniards girl child died last night - and there are Eight other Cases of premonitory Symptoms of which I hope the Medicines I have administered will effect a speedy Cure.

The Measles have pretty much disappeared — but this disease & the Cholera have left me with a poor weakly Crew.

My assistant Mr Fletcher who has been absent for three days to Colbert Bacon & forage for the first depot - returned 3 Mis. God knows that he is wanted! — We returned together to the

Cabin of the deceased friend Dr R — & with a neighbour who had come to assist laid him into his Coffin & into his grave. We covered him decently with the Sods — raised a head piece & a foot board over the grave & with huge logs sheltered his Sepulchre from the depredations of the bear & the wolf.

Camp Cadron Creek A. T —
24th April 1834

Morning Cloudy & moderate — Rained some in the night Continues more or less Cloudy & mild throughout the day. Light Northerly airs. — Visited the sick & went the rounds cheering as well as I could the sick & mill with hopes of getting off tomorrow. The health of Camp is rather better than it was yesterday *(a child of Bascownchas died last night) & one of Jim Coys' this morning There are four new cases one only of which I consider dangerous. Those whom I reported yesterday as serious cases are mostly better today the several of them are still alarmingly ill. The disease has assumed a new & more lingering form — Some of my patients have been two & even three days in the collapsed state without hardly any perceptible change for better or worse. Some of them linger in this way in agony for several days & then die; & some at deaths door are suddenly acted upon by the immediate doses

* {Should be a Chief of Chiefs}

of Calomel which I administer, & are eventually restored to health, or to a convalescence promising health hereafter. In urgent cases I do not stop for weight but administer it the half tea spoonful: & I believe by these expressions I have saved several lives. — I have been able to obtain a horse for a portion of the day, & have consequently had it in my power to make two or three visits to some of my patients to watch the operation of my medicines. And it is gratifying to find upon my last visit that several of those who in the morning I was afraid I should lose before night, are now doing well. — Another small rise of the River. Steamer Cavalier passed with Family of the Cherokee Emigrants we left at Montgomery's Pt. — Several of whom are very sick. — My Commissary Chapman & Ross being quite broken down himself & excitably discouraging nerves of his family — begged permission to leave me to give them the assistance & protection they so much needed. I could not refuse the poor man's request — for his is a case of trying domestic affliction — although I can but hardly spare him just now: for there is none here but myself to supply his place. — No wagons have yet appeared although I have from travellers that a number are on the road.

Camp on Cadron Cr A.T.
25th April 1834

Morning Cool & Clear. Northerly Airs – a great change in the temperature of the air over night being very cold towards morning. – These sudden changes from warm to cold are ever the harbingers of bad news. My fears were more than realized in making the rounds. The sick were generally worse & there were a number of new cases of which fever is now highly alarming. Erick Butler or Longhorn, Chas Child, Mrs England & Miller's boy child all old cases died in the morning or in course of the day – Miller's negro man & Robert Fields both of whom were in perfect health last evening were suddenly carried off the latter before the former immediately after breakfast – 3 Rogs & Brewer are both in the collapsed state – C Ward & wife were serious cases last night but are on the mend, as are also Saunders & wife & the young Indian woman – In all nine new cases. –

I have visited my patients 3 times today & set them down they had all improved – Excepting Brewer & Rogs & a boy child of James McGee

Din's 6 ox teams & the 5 horse ditto arrived this morning. Mr Hunter has been employed under Mr Fletcher in hauling the provisions, the sick & the effects of the people which are scattered in every direction throughout the woods – to the round. – I shall take no Pork with me but shall depend upon obtaining Bacon or Fresh Beef on the round

I shall be obliged however to transport all my flour, & shall hold myself fortunate if I can obtain Corn enough above to keep my miserable lean Cattle & horses upon their feet. — Rec^d of Mr Hopkins by the wagons 520 lbs Bacon — also of Mr M'Coy 397 lbs Bacon & 23½ Bush Corn for forage. Sampson Gray has disappointed me in his supply. — Mr Reid arrived from L Rock towards evening bringing the discouraging news that I could only depend upon two more wagons, probably three. That Seven teams had been engaged & had started from their homes — when they heard upon the road of the death of Dr Roberts — the extreme illness of Dr F — & most exaggerated accounts of the deplorable condition of our Camp — they were turned back by their drivers. — I have succeeded today in persuading our Goodin & his sons in the neighbourhood to put in teams — I have also promised to Miller, Fields, Gore & L Rips — all of whom have purchased oxen & wagons since our landing — Such compensation upon our arrival in the Nation as I should consider their services entitled to if they would transport their own families & immediate friends & assist in carrying the sick. Thus I shall have a train of 14 wagons together with some pack horses &c. sent down to the Emigrants by their friends in the Nation — the united strength of which will be about equal to 8 or 9 ordinary able bodied teams. In this Country they turn their oxen & horses out to range in the winter — but the cane breakers is all con-

used, & many of their beeves consequently starved & the remainder are perfect skeletons when required for service in the spring of the year. — Fields & Miller bivouacked up towards night & crossed the Cadron. Appointed W. Bolin Commissary. —

Camp on Cadron Cr. A. T.
24th April 1834

Clear, cool & pleasant. Light airs from N. W. — Yesterday I was attacked with a slight dysentery — but in the morning of the day it disappeared & I forgot all about it. At night I was awoke with severe griffings, nausea, coldness of the extremities & a looseness of the bowels — I had been too much amongst the sick not to know what all this meant. Immediately heating a kettle of water I thrust my feet into it & covering myself with my cloak had the full benefit of a vapour bath — then taking a half grain of opium & 40 of Calomel — I laid myself down in a quiet corner out of the current of air & drawing my blanket over me composed myself & was soon in fine perspiration. The medicine too operated favorably. By this time the people began to drop in & finding that the news was getting abroad that I was sick, & knowing that I had not a moment to lose if I wished to keep together the few wagons I had — as I had even found it a hard matter yesterday to prevent their idle fears of their friends & prevent their returning to their homes — I slipped on my clothes, & mounting Mr F. horse rode through the Camp — & altho

for awhile I could scarcely keep my saddle – I soon satisfied all that I was not only not sick myself but was still capable of doctoring others. In the course of the excitement of the day I forgot my sickness & am only reminded of it now by a feeling of great debility. – There is an improvement in the health of Camp since yesterday. James McGregor's boy Archy, Mariah Spaniards son & one of Waters* – all children under 10 years of age died & were buried today. Several of those whom I considered dangerous yesterday are convalescent today. Saunders & wife & the young Indian woman, & Robs & C Wards wife have been snatched from the jaws of death, & are doing bravely. –

There are four new cases of which G Spaniards is the only serious case. Brewer is collapsed but I have given him 1½ gr of Opium which I immediately followed with a common sized teaspoon full of Calomel: – this is the heaviest dose I have ever given. – In the course of the day we succeeded in loading up ~~with Beady~~ wagons – with a great deal of trouble to ourselves; for it is a hard matter to carry anything but the bread stuff, & those of the sick who actually cannot stand: – at 5 PM we crossed them over the Cadrons & christened Mr F. to see them encamped about 1 mile on the other side. – At sundown Baggets & Lynedsays & our teams arrived & these with fox-skins will break up Early in the Morning with the remainder of such baggage as I have consented to carry, & the balance of the sick & will under the conduct of my assistant overtake the main party

*{Waters is one of the Cherokee Emigrants taken on board at Montgomery's Pt}

at their Camping ground tomorrow Evening. – There will be a portion of plunder necessarily abandoned here in consequence of the neglect of the people to follow my advice & have it shipped on board the Steamers. As their ~~cars~~ many articles have however of considerable value to them & as they have not their full allowance of baggage on board the Wagons I have written to Mr Reed at the Rock, to forward another wagon with dispatch – if the third wagon engaged is not already on its way – & have directed a Mr Cox who now lives at the late Dr R's to attend to its loading with such articles as have been designated to him. – I have also directed my assistant to have such articles as shall be abandoned stowed in the upper story of an old out house in the premises of Mr Jocelin & which stands a little from the road. – I shall start off at an early hour in the morning a few days ride in advance to secure substantial forage – to examine the new cut of which there is some bad reports – & to endeavour to engage one or two more teams. Not more than one half of my people are really able to walk! –

Potts' Pope Co Ark Terry
27th April 1834

Arose early – and after transacting a little business with Dr R's widow & giving to my assistant Mr F fresh instructions & advising him that I would leave orders for him in writing at Sandy Stands along the road should I find it necessary to vary his route before reaching the

party — mounted his horse which I am obliged to borrow until I can make a purchase & left the Cadron. — As I passed the wagons I found the sick were doing with the exception of one or two of the Children — left directions with Robin were to encamp to night & wait for the rear most wagons until Mr F should come up & pushed on for this stand, ~~which~~ I arrived at 5 PM — distance from Cadron 34 miles. — I had asked upon having sufficient Corn at Cadron to have subsisted the teams to this place, & had arranged the first depot here. But in consequence of Mr Grays failure I was disappointed. — I contrived to engage a feed for them to night as I came up & that will all they can have until they reach the depot. I tried to get a cart in this neighbourhood to have forage conveyed down to meet the wagons where they will encamp to morrow night — but nothing of the kind can be found here abouts. Here however they will obtain Corn & bacon.

Occurrences of Camp on the 27th April River as overtaken

Morning Clear & mild — Light Southerly Airs. Pleasant through the day. Main Party broke up Camp at 7 A M — reached Camping ground with some stalling from heavy loads & a bad way at 1 PM — distance travelled 8 miles. Mr F with rear most wagons were delayed until 12½ PM in loading up & crossing the River — at 4½ P M resumed Camp. Rec^d & issued 14½ Bush Corn to teams. Bird & wife buried today Rather Mrs's ~~[illegible]~~ by child & Mr Englands & Mr Mopie's girl children 2 = 4 all. J.

Encamped at a branch of good water - with fine range for Cattle. Sick reviving & the whole party in fine Spirits. Even Brewer who was not expected to live over night is recovering.

Moosters on Perry R Johnson Co Ky
28th April

Rose early & rode to the Dardenelles hoping to hire there another wagon was disappointed - distance 7 miles. From thence continued my journey to Davidsons ferry 8 miles. Here I succeeded in engaging Dr Moses wagon to meet the party tomorrow evening at Potts. From thence I rode to Clarkes 6 m & from thence to Bolingers 2 m to purchase Corn & bacon. At the latter place I met with a Mr Mooster who gave me such encouraging accounts of the new Cut that I resolved to examine it in the morning & for that purpose crossed over with him tonight to his house which lies on the upper road. Dist. ence 9 miles. Have examined today the most objectionable part of the lower road & its resources. Dist. travelled 32 miles.

Occurrences of Camp on the 28th April since ascertained

Morning Clear & Mild - warm in the day - Sight Showers. Party started at 8 A M - Crossed the ferry at Ellis's on Pt Elmore & encamped 1 mile on the other side - making 12 miles. No new cases of Cholera today - Deaths two girl Child of Bears Paw, 1 girl of Rainy Trackers, & 1 girl child of Thos Fields. People in good Spirits - good water & good range. Dr Bird from Simpson Grays Settlement near the Rock - joined today & took charge of the sick

agreeably to request. I had directed Mr Reed when he left me at Cadron on the 28th to engage the services of this gentleman, & to give him to join the party with the despatch. no No forage for the teams but grass. —

Camp at Potts Pope. Co Ark. Terry
29th April

Started at 6 A M - Rode to Maldens 1 mi - to Parks 2 mi to enquire for Bacon & Forage. Can obtain a feed at the latter place, where I bought me a horse. Taking my purchase in the lead I actuated my steps a short distance then striking the new cut crossed the Maumis Bayou at Williamsons ford & reached this place where I found my people just encamping for the night - at 7 P M - distance travelled today 25 miles.

I have now the choice of 3 routes. I may cross the river at the Bardenelles & keeping upon the Military road recrossing finally at Ft Smith - and this is said to be the shortest route & the best road - or keeping upon this side of the river, may take the lower, or the upper route. The Military road subjects me to the expenses & delays of being twice ferried over the Arkansas R, & to the uncertainty of finding a flat at Ft Smith competent to convey my wagons over the river: also to the greatest difficulty of obtaining provisions & forage. On the lower route upon this side of the river I encounter ferries at Maumis & Petry - & at the Maumis ferry & at Allens Mills are two extremely bad bayous; & this is the longest route. The upper road & new cut make it is said as direct a route as the Military road

it will Enforce us to no delays do of ferrying - there are good fords across the Illanois & the Pairie; & though the new Cut is nothing more than a blazed way through the woods - not a wagon track visible - very rough, & here & there boggy - it will shorten our distance including the delays of ferriage a days journey, & will carry us through one or two flourishing settlements where I am sure of obtaining Corn & bacon.

Camp Occurrences 29th April

Clear & Cool. Light N N airs - Rained in the night violently for about one hour. - Mr F Stirred the people up at an Early - finish off their breakfasts & loaded up at 7 A M. First 3 miles a great deal of Stalling through Pt Removes bottoms - a very bad road & the wagons heavily laden for the strength of their teams. Remainder of the day good road. Rested 2 hours in the middle of the day to give the Oxen & horses a browse, & the Stragglers time to get up. Reached the Depot & Camp ground for the night 5 ½ PM - Distance travelled 14 miles. - The sick are rapidly improving. No new cases today. Deaths Allen Mr Greys daughter Pauline. - Rec.d of Mr Potts 37½ Bush Corn for teams at $1 per Bush also 528½ lbs Bacon at 10 cts. - In consequence of the Expected Scarcity of Forage on the route - I have directed Mr F. to regulate the allowance per head to the teams by his supplies, making it in all cases where he is enabled to Equivalent to Eight Quarts Dry Measure.

Parks Johnson Co Ark Terry

30th April

Cool & pleasant. Light airs N N W. — Saw the party safely off at ½ 8 A M, & conducted it by the new cut to Williamsons ford on Illinois Bayou 8 miles. A good deal of stalling in boggy places — when Moses teams & wagons the finest stuff in Employ opportunely arrived & lightening up the other wagons all went on smoothly enough. — At Williamsons tried to exchange Flour for Corn Meal an article my people are much in want of — but the old lady of the house was afraid of catching the Cholera from the flour & so we lost a trade. She however consented to let me have 7 bushels for the money — though it came to her in the shape of a large bill that stood her hard been about with me through all the Cholera & which really looked as if it had it. — Pointing out to Mr T his route, &c — I again left the party — improving in health & spirits — & fording the Creek & retracing my route of yesterday alighted here at 7½ P M. — From Mr P Thurs engaged a feed for my teams at $1 per bush. —

Camp occurrences during my absence on 30th April

Some difficulties in fording Illinois — one wagon upset — no damage. Encamped at 6½ P M at a branch & good range 3 miles beyond the bayou Distance travelled by Company 11 miles. — One death, a boy child of Bill Jackins. — One new case very mild & no danger. —

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Gunters Landing
July 26th 1834

Genrl. Andrew Jackson

Sir

I wish to emigrate for the West under the following conditions. Viz. I will enroll myself and all and every person who is under my care and protection provided the United States will agree to have all of my improvements valued. and after being valued by the Valuing Agent of the Govt. allow or give unto me. the right of selling the possession of said places - to same citizen or citizens of the United States - also I should want the Govt to advance me. all the moneys that would be due me for the valuation of my improvements - I then would be willing to enter into bond with as good securities as the state of Alabama can afford for my leaving this country. for the West at any given time - say not under or over from three to five years - my reason for asking that length of time from the Govt. is - I follow the Mercantile Business - and I think that

~~H-Hill~~ [H-30] No. 2.

Journal of Occurrences,

of a

Company of Cherokee Emigrants,

[illegible] months of

February, Mar[illegible] April, May.

Rec'd Aug. 28.

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Made today 9 miles. – Health of Camp improving. one new case of a mild nature & 1 death Briant Wards boy child. – Rec^d 27 Bush Corn Vincent Hinds

Lees on Spadey & J
2^d May 1834

Started at ½ 6 A M. Rode to Lees 4 miles – back to Parks 7 miles. Here at 10 A M I met the Company who stopped to receive forage & to rest. The people are fast regaining their health & cheerfulness – though many of them are a good deal broken down with fatigue. – Visited all the sick – paid Parks for his Corn – left $150 with my assistant to pay Lee, Patrick, Brewer &c – & laying out to him his route – the depots – & where he would receive news of me, as also his encamping grounds for the night: again retraced my steps to Spadey. Alighted here at 5½ P M. Dist. today – 18 m.

Camp Occurrences 2^d May

Morning foggy & cool – Clears off – N W airs – Started at 8½ A M after burying Stephen Spaniard & Mrs Chess who died over night: being old cases. Mrs C's fall undoubtedly

hastened her death. Reached Parks near Piney 10 A M
Rec.d 21 Bush Corn. Encamped 4 m beyond Pi on
the ridge - tolerable range & good water. - Dist. made to-
day 8 miles. Teams a good deal jaded. Buried here
Briant Wards Son James who died to-day; an old case of Measles.

Cassaters Crawford Co Mulberry Settlement
3d May 1834

Started 5½ A M in the Rain - reach Horse head well drenched
12 m - at 9 A M - Rode on to White oak - through a perfect
wilderness - no Corn to be seen or heard of 15 miles - 1 P M.
Here I learnt that "no Corn was to be had in the immediate
neighbourhood - but that if I would strike off the road
it was very probable I would find some 20 miles below
on the Creek." When I reflected however that it would be
late in the night when I should reach there even if I did
not lose myself in the woods - of the uncertainty of obtaining
Corn after all - & the probability that if successful I would
have to detain my teams here for its arrival: besides the
time I would lose necessary to collect forage & provisions

in Mulberry Settlement & on Frog Bayou where my prospects were more promising, & continued my ride & alighted here pretty thoroughly soaked at 8 PM 13 m — Dist. 40 miles

Camp Occurrences 3d May

Cloudy & mild. Rains violently & continues the greater part of the day. Light & varying airs from SE. — Start at 7½ A M Reach Sees on Spadra 4 m at 9 A M. Receive of Mr Lee 38½ Bush Corn at $1, and from Mr Patrick 298 lbs Bacon at 9 cts, & paid for the same. Continued on our way & encamped at good range & water 7 miles beyond Spadra at 5½ PM. raining violently — Dist. today 11 miles — the last 7 m good level road. — Health of Company improving — no new cases — one old one, Rob Shelton's boy Child, died & was buried today. — Dr Bird quite unwell. —

Crouches on Frog Bayou A.T.
4th May 1834

Started early in the morning with the discouraging prospects, to scan the Settlement. Rode to Simpsons 1¾ m — to Goldsbys &

1 Swot grattes 3 m – to Forsythe 1½ m – to Mr Faile via Beans Frog Bayou Settlement) 14¾ m – to Mrs Rogers 2 m & to Crouches 1 m – and here I alighted at night at a miserable hovel drenched with the rain and benumbed with cold; & with but meagre reward for my pains until I got on this Creek. – In all Mulberry Settlement I collected by parcels 17 Bush of Corn to be delivered at Sassaters at $1 – he I promising with reluctance to make up the balance of a feed from his ~~stated~~ Stock. Here however I have been more fortunate & have partial promises to be filled in the morning – of 50 & perhaps nine Bush Corn at $1, & from 4 to 600 lbs Bacon at 10 cts. – Dist. made today 29 miles

Camp Occurrences on the 4th May

Cool & Cloudy – Violent but short rain in the night with thunder & lightning. Rains violently in the afternoon – M E Ais. Started 7¼ A M. At 9½ reached Horsehead ford, & rec.d of Owen Cairns 869 lbs Bacon at 9 cts & paid for the same. Parked on & Encamped 7 miles beyond Horsehead at tolerable water & good Range. Road today very good & level. Dist. 12 m.

Health of party – people first regaining strength – some blistered feet

One death Mill Tuckers boy child George - buried at night. Bacon, flour & Corn issued. — Dr Bird much reduced & some symptoms of Cholera upon him. —

Encounters on Mulberry C. T.
5th May 1834

Rode early to Mrs Rogers & young Crouches, & closed engagements for Corn & bacon. Then returned by new Cut & alighted here at 1 P.M. when I expected to have met my people. They have not yet come up. — Have employed the afternoon in drawing up blanks & writing one or two private letters. — Dist. travelled today 15 miles. —

Camp Occurrences - 5th May

Clear & Cool. Some Rain over night. Northerly Airs.
Started at 7 A.M. Reached White Oak 8 miles at 11½ A.M. Stopped 2 hours to graze & rest. Encamped 6 m beyond White Oak at good range & water - ¼ 6 P.M. - Roads good but teams much jaded as well as the people. Health still improving. — No deaths — No forage. — Dr B still weakly.

Camp on Little Mulberry C. T.
6th May 1834.

Cool & pleasant. Rained a little in the night. Light airs from N.W. — Company started at 7½ A.M. — at 12 M. reached Sesatis 7 m. — Rec.d of Mr L. 27 Bush of Corn. Crossed the big & Little Mulberry at pretty good fords & Encamped 4 m. from L's. Roads tolerably good for the Country — best ever today made 11 miles. —

Health of Company still on the mend — a good many of the convalescent able to walk — & a good many worn out Children ready to supply their places in the Wagons. — Our wagons are now comparatively light as the flour is nearly consumed. No deaths today. — Employed my time at L's in writing up forms, & addressing a letter to Lt. G. Eastern Agent & Supt. Emigration. — Subsequently informed of the death of another little boy of Will Tuckers. —

Camp 4 m beyond Frog Bayou Hancocks.

7th May - 1834. -

Cool & pleasant - afterwards warm. Light Easterly Airs.

Company took up its march 8½ A M. As my next depot of Corn & bacon was occasionally a mile or two off the route I had directed two of the wagons to be lightened up & doing nothing to Mr F the ground of encampment for the night - Started ahead these Empty wagons & conducted them by a rough route to Mrs R & to Gouches. There we rec^d 620 lbs of Bacon from the former and 54 Bush of Corn from the latter, & pushing on by a pretty blazed way we crossed Frog Bayou at an Excellent ford, & overtook our party as it was Encamping for the night, at 7 PM.

The Company made today 15 miles & stopped once 2 hours to graze & rest at 11½ A M. - Issue Corn.

Health & Cheerfulness of the party almost completely restored. No deaths today. - The roads fork here - one is the upper Washington route - the most direct to the Fort Settlement -

the other the old trace striking into the Military Road 12 or 13 miles from here - which is our way to the Agency. A number of the Emigrants who wish to go to Flint, Battles Prairie &c are pressing me to let some of the wagons take that fork, promising that as soon as their families are located they (the heads) will come on & report in person at the Agency. I was at first inclined to favour them for seems wrong to be taking them two or three days journey off. This route for Talent know what purpose other than it is my orders to turn them over to the Agent at Illinois R. But as Mr F tells me the Agents are required to see & muster each member of a family upon its arrival in the Nation, & as the wagoners also object to this arrangement: I have persuaded the people it would doubtlessly be the best for them all to accompany me to the Agency. From what I have been able to gather along the road I shall not be able to collect, any more forage or provisions short of Illinois R. - I have consequently resolved to push on in the morning to the Agency, & to cause a supply to be sent out to meet the Company also to satisfy myself what further measures are to be taken to establish the new Comers in their homes.

Cones on Salisaw Western Cherokee Nn

8th May 1834

Saw off the Company & took to Van Buren 4 miles. From thence struck across Lees Creek & after sundry inquiries both at B & a of the Settlers on the Creek I became satisfied that it would be better for the party to leave the Military about 10 m after they should strike it & proceed to the Agency via Cones, rather than follow up that road to where it is intersected by road from Dwight Mission to Mouth of Salisaw. That the road would better & rather nearer, & that I would be likely to obtain Supplies at Cones. I consequently dropped a line to my assistant by a boy - directing him to deviate from his prescribed route to that effect: and pursuing my way alighted here at 8½ PM. -

Dist. 35 miles. -

Camp Occurrences 8th May

Cool & Cloudy - then clear & warm. Bracing airs from N to W. - Started at ¼ 8 AM. - a good deal of trouble in crossing the ford at Lees Creek - Several of the wagons.

getting uncomfortable. At ¼ 12 M crossed the Arkansas line & entered upon Cherokee land 6½ m from Fayetteville stopped to graze & rest 1½ hours. Had then a rough road to our Camping ground 6½ m - encamped 6¼ PM at Garrison Creek. - Issued Rations of Bacon &c. - Bro death today - a boy child of Chas. - bro B recovering. Best made today 13 miles. -

Western Cherokee Agency Illinois R
9th May 1834

Made & completed arrangements with Johnson & Cox for Corn & bacon; & taking a letter with Mr C for my assistant at 8 A M rode on towards the Agency: Alighted here at 12½ M - & much to my disappointment find that the Agent is absent at Ft Gibson. Immediately wrote letters to that officer & to the Deputy Agent Lieut. Stanwell apprising my arrival, & requesting their speedy presence; & at 2 PM dispatched an express with the same charging him to deliver to their addresses tonight. - Wrote a report

to Commissary Gen.l Subsistence of main occurrences since 5th April. Began a letter to Capt Brown Princ. Disbg Agent S Rock - official - was interrupted. —

Camp occurrences - 9th May

Clear & pleasant - afterwards very warm. Light Southerly airs. — Started at 7½ A M. road very rough - has several severe hills to climb - Stopped two hours at noon to refresh our jaded teams - Encamped at Spring Creek 5½ P M & people & beasts much jaded. - Distance made 9 miles. — Only three or four on the sick list. Lt B getting strong again. — No forage this night but fine range however at hand.

Cherokee Agency West
10th May 1834

Completed letters - prepared Sundry Vouchers, &c. rectd Muster Rolls partially - & rested - Towards Evening Capt Vashon & Lt Sewell arrived. - Rode out to meet my people expecting to find them on the Edge of the prairie - pursued my ride until Sunset, when seeing nothing

of them I returned. — Finding upon a Consultation with the U. S. Agents — that no arrangements have been made to subsist the Emigrants at this place, & that no beneficial object can be accomplished by bringing them here. It would have been sufficient Capt to apprise me to have mustered my Charge on Cherokee ground & that my Roll would have been all that he would have required of me. — He also informs me that the funds have yet been rec^d for the payment of Balances of Improvements — or even that of $50 bonus for Emigrants from the Chartered limits of Georgia. The cause of his not being in funds for the latter payment he ascribes to the neglect of the Superintendent of Emigration Cart; in not sending him seasonable advices of the probable strength of the Emigration from that State, to build his Estimates upon.

It would be well for the Agents to communicate a little more freely than they do with both sides of the Mississippi. —

In consequence of the above information & with the approval of the other government agents: I shall dispatch an Express tonight to halt my Company wherever he shall find

it - shall meet it there at an early hour in the morning & after dividing off the people into Companies agreeably to the neighbourhoods they wish to go to - will apportion out the wagons to them respectively - & although I had thought my duties would have terminated here - will cheerfully do everything in my power to contribute to the comfort of these unfortunates, & to help them to a home.

Occurrences at Camp - 10th May

Clear & warm. Light southerly airs - Company started at 7½ A.M. - Stopped at noon to refresh - at ¼ 6 P.M. encamped at Cow: Schisaw - good range & good water. Road to day very good on or two hills - but chiefly prairie of rich soil & interspersed with groves of Oak Red & White Elm & Black Locust - & here & there a pretty country. - Rec.d of Johnson 24 bush Corn, & 382½ lbs Bacon. - Issued Bacon & Corn. - One death - Mariah Spaniards' little girl. - People all in fine spirits to what they have been since their troubles - but anxious to get settled. - Dist today 14 miles

Also rec.d 6 bush of Corn from Mr C, & issued the same for breakfast

Camp at Cones on Salisaw

11th May 1834

Clear & warm. Calm & light Southerly airs. very hot at noon. — Wagons start at 7 A M & after a few miles on time. & back by Express who had missed his way & been belated. At 10½ A M reached my people at Cones. — They received my proposition to carry them to their neighbourhoods with great kindness & joy. They had been afraid that I was going to take them to the Agency & there leave them in the hands of strangers. Capt Bashom & Lt Linnell accompanied me, & after presenting some of the head men to these officers I devoted the remainder of the day to Mustering the people dividing them into Companies & assigning to them wagons. There will be but two parties one for Grand R & Illinois or the Grand R route — & one for the Flint Settlements & Batres Prairie — Some will remain here & settle down on Little Salisaw. & others will go but a short distance with the wagons & drop off at their respective destinations along the road. — In mustering the Company

I find that our loss including Chas Child who died today amounts to 80 of whom 45 are Children under 10 years of age. — This is the nearest I can arrive at the true loss of the Company that embarked with me on the Nimrod. Several families left me upon the appearance of Cholera & I have had no news of them since the I could only upon with the exception of one or two strugglers who fled from our Camp in panic, & were taken down, as Dr Mennifee informed me, with sickness in the woods within 5 or 6 miles of his dwelling, & who were visited & attended to by Dr M first of his own free accord & afterwards at my request. These I have understood recovered & are now in the nation. — Of the above number there are the following deaths I have been apprized of today for the first time. viz. Dr Coke's wife, 1 Child of Polly E Ward, 1 ditto of Chas & 1 ditto of Wm Wilson. These as near as I can ascertain must have died at Cadron Cr on the 18th & 19th ultimo. — Situated as I have been it is a difficult matter to keep a correct diary or to present at the present time a Roll to the Agent here

the accuracy of which I can vouch for — viz. of
Mr. Cox 26¼ Bush Corn at $1 — also of Lieut. Sewell
13 Bush Corn, & 28 lbs Fresh Beef, 1 Bush Corn Meal &
1 Bush Salt. — Sold to Lt S drafts on funds at Nash
ville for $800. — As a number of the Emigrants had
during sickness declined drawing their rations, & had expe-
nded their own money in buying whenever it could be had —
food that was more palatable to them — I resolved as far
as it should be in my power to compensate them for their
loss; and as they are now in want of money to purchase sugar
& coffee — & the little comforts they have been accustomed to at
home. I have drawn up rolls tonight making as accurate
a general average as my duties of rations undrawn & the
pressure of business will admit; & as my means are narrow
shall commute the sums at their original costs, & pay the
sums tomorrow to those to whom they are due. —

I also consider the services rendered by the teams of Jno
Miller & Rose to have been worth $4 per day to the service
each — that of Fields $3. —

Dwight Bigelow Cherokee Nation West

12th May 1834

Commenced loading up the wagons. Paid arrearages for Rations. At 10 A M Four Wagons under Miller with rations for 3 days commenced their march for Grand R – four men discharged from further service on the spot & one more in the Evening – the remainder of the Wagons under my assistant started for Flint & Bates Prairie at 1 P M. –

A number of the people have concluded to settle here about & of these James McDaniels girl child died at 4 P M. –

I remained at C's settling with wagoners, Emigrants &c drawing up blanks & writing until 5 P M when I mounted & rode in Company with Dr Bird to this place 3 miles: where we alighted at ½ 6 P M.

Camp Occurrences 12th May.

Clear & mild. Light N W airs. Main party started from Salisaw 11 A M, & encamped for the night at Rock Spring 6 miles. – Party all well. – Oxens feet very tender. Joined balance of forage – good range & water –

Camp at Johnsons Cherokee Nation

13th May. 1834

Clear & mild. Light Northerly airs. Row early sick & jaded. Dismissed Dr B - with Certificate of Services & $38 in advance. Not knowing the Customary Charges of this Country in like Cases; Dr B had consented to refer the final adjustment of his Claims to the Experience & judgment of Capt Brown Dispy Qmr at L Rock - upon whom my Certificates were drawn. - I have never been in the habit of engaging the services of an Agent without previous written Stipulations - Since our misfortunes upon the River however unavoidable Circumstances have Constrained me to deviate from this important rule. - Dr B has during his term of service shown his himself both Capable & Steady at all times to render the professional assistance required of him and the manner in which he has acquitted himself of his Charge Elicits my highest approbation. - At 10 A M I overtook the main party who had started at 9 A M A number of the people had already abandoned the Wagons

for various sites which had pleased them along the road. They are jaded down to a mere rest, & to find themselves once more settled. Many of them have applied to me today for advice & whether I would not recommend their stopping here: and I promised to give them an answer to night. – I have consulted the people – old settlers whom I have seen today – & find the County just now presents many advantageous sites for location – a good soil – elevated & healthy – well wooded & an abundance of springs of the best of water. It is also sufficiently central to enable the people to remove hereafter to any point of their territory that shall please them better. I have consequently held a talk, and have told them all this coming that I was here with wagons prepared to carry them to Bates Prairie, or higher up into the Flint Settlement if it should be their wish. But that as many of them were pleased with the healthy appearance of the country where they were & thought they could be contented to live here & had asked me to advise them: I would recommend them to stop. The settlers about here had

told me the County was healthy - that there many Springs of good wholesome water, & wood in abundance for their necessities; & that there was much land hereabouts upon which Excellent Corn could be raised, & a luxuriant range for Stock. Their families were weakly & wanted rest. I would say to them they should assist each other in building temporary Cabins upon the healthiest sites & near the best of the Springs. These would be sufficient & were indispensably necessary to shelter them from the weather, to recruit the strength & restablish the health of the invalids, the women & children. That after having made their families comfortable I would advise them without losing time, to look about the County well & make judicious selections for permanent Settlements." — My talk was thankfully received & ~~[illegible]~~ cordially approved. All but a single family have removed their baggage from the Wagons - and that family is to accompany the Wagons a few miles above where they have friends. — Paid Gore & Ross for services of their teams & Wagons. —

Fort Gibson Grand R

14th May 1834

Cleard cool - afterwards quite warm. Light Airs from W. - Rose early & discharged the remaining wagons. Paid off Rolin for his Services as Commissary. - And after taking leave of the people, & saying every thing I could think of to make their prospects wear a promising air to them, I advised them to write home to their friends as soon as they should find themselves permanently settled, & were capable from observation of giving a true account of the Country - telling them of their healths, their welfare & their hopes, & pointing out faithfully the advantages of their present over their abandoned homes: - and again impressing upon their minds that our misfortunes had been our destiny, & that Charity forbade our attaching censure to any human agent whatsoever; I mounted my horse & accompanied by Mr F Stuck came thro Country & intercept our party bound for Grand R. - At 7 P.M. we alighted here - having travelled today 40 miles. a

Fort Gibson Grand R

15th May 1834

Clear & Cool. Light northerly airs. — Roll out early in the morning to ascend the Grand R party was encamped. Here we found that the people in like manner had got tired of travelling — a portion of them had settled down on Illinois R & all the others who had not dropped off along the road — with the exception of Millers immediate connexions — had resolved to go no further. I addressed them in terms similar to what I had used to the other party — took leave of them, & as Miller's own wagon was sufficient for his people; I directed the other wagoners to unload, & ~~to halt~~ at Ft Gibson & receive their discharge & immediately return back to the garrison. In the course of the day I discharged the remaining teams — & also paid Millers for his services as Interpreter & for the use of his team & wagon. —

The 16th & 17th of May were occupied by my assistant & myself in overlooking our papers - comparing minutes examining Muster Rolls & in explanations to the Disbursing Agent Lieut. Granville. on the latter day Mr F. Services terminated: which were paid for on the 20th. The 18th I devoted to rest; & on the morning of the 19th started on horseback for Little Rock: which place - after winding up the business of the removal - I left on the Evening of the 5th June, & in consequence of the low waters & my jaded health returned by easy journies via St Louis. to the Eastern Agency; where I arrived on the 15th July after an absence of four months & three days. —

I have now completed the Journal of Occurrences required by regulations of the Conductor of a party of Indian Emigrants. — I must apologize for its being more voluminous than instructive. This is

partly owing to the introduction of ~~occurrences~~ occurrences irrelevant or of minor importance & to the indulgence of sentiments dictated under peculiar circumstances, and almost unconsciously committed to my journal: and for these, error of judgement, inexperience — the depression or excitement of feeling by which I was very naturally swayed at the time, & a habit of freely transferring my passing thoughts to paper must be my excuse. — It was my intention to have curtailed my diary of what I conceived to be its superfluous parts — but my time has been so largely drawn upon of late by a deal of other writing & business of a pressing nature that I have hardly had leisure to do this if I would; and under a feeling, perhaps disinclined to further exertion, it was easy to persuade myself that the journal should stand as it is — & that it was proper that a full understanding of the Service upon which I have been engaged that the Department should know both what I did & how I thought. —

In attentively revising the preceding pages, Events for some weeks passed have been freshly called to my remembrance, & opinions growing out of them matured by Experience & after reflection have rec^d additional Confirmation.

To appreciate the Situation & the Sufferings of my Charge, it must be Constantly borne in mind that they were Emigrants of a tribe which by frequent intermarriages with the whites & the negroes had lost its integrity of Character — that its people are no longer the hardy Sons of the forest inured from infancy to every privation & exposure — that the hunters life has been abandoned by them for the more quiet & the more comfortable occupation of the husbandman; and that with this approach to Civilization they have lost but little of their native indolence & ignorance, & have added largely to their effeminacy, their vices & their Superstitions.

Many of them had been reared from the Cradle in easy Circumstances & had Enjoyed through life its Comforts & some of its luxuries — and there were those too of more frugal, but still sufficient means — and those

again who from childhood had been pressed by "the hard griping hand of poverty."

That such a heterogeneous mass accustomed to live apart in thinly scattered settlements - suddenly crowded together in camps & afterwards in boats - some totally deprived of what habit had taught them to look upon as the necessaries of life, & others who had scarcely known a season of plenty, gorged by a too liberal allowance of food - deprived of exercise, breathing a confined & poisonous atmosphere and maintaining, as they ever will under like circumstances, a total disregard to personal cleanliness - should in a term of sixty days even under the most favourable circumstances, generate a pestilence within itself would not be surprising. But when we consider how powerful an auxiliary - in the measles - pervaded this body; prostrating its members & fearfully paving the way for the scourge which followed it. - we are rather disposed to be thankful that it did not appear sooner & tarry longer, than to marvel at its coming at all. -

For myself I am too well satisfied that if the same course of collecting & removing this people is repeated it will be attended by the like disastrous results, not to recommend its immediate & unqualified abandonment. — Water transportation has failed — or is at the best a hazardous experiment — land carriage in wagons should in my opinion be substituted. — And should the department still deem it advisable to remove the Cherokees in large bodies I would suggest that the mode of collecting the Indians has been dilatory & unsystematic; & should be corrected. This may in a measure be effected by allowing none other than the regularly appointed agents acting under written instructions to enrol for emigration; who should be expressly forbidden to hold out other inducements to the Indian than such as government has positively sanctioned. These shall be specifically detailed in their letters of instructions together with the manner in which the emigration is t

be conducted – the means of transportation to be used – the nature of the route they (the Emigrants) are to travel – the mode of subsistance & forage on that route – the aunt & quality of the rations – the allowance of baggage to be carried – the precise day fixed upon for the commencement of the march & the probable days when wagons will be in the several neighbourhoods to collect the Enrolled. All these the Agent should fully & distinctly communicate to the Indian before enrolling him or his family. &c

The Superintendent should be constantly kept advised of the strength of progress of Emigration, who in his turn should advise the disbursing Agent in order that seasonable & adequate arrangements for providing the means of subsistance & transportation may be made – that Contractors may be duly apprised of the extent of their obligations & that failures may be avoided. At the Inspections of Enrolment for the season a roll of the Names, of the Emigrants – with their neighbourhoods & respective residences affixed to each – should be furnished to the

disbursing Agent which will enable that officer to make a judicious assignment of his wagons. —

To me it also appears obvious that there is but one Season for Emigrating the Indians, & that is the fall of the year. The roads are then in good order & well watered - it is the Season of plenty & of health, & the Emigrant has the winter & Spring before him to Select & Clear his land & Sow his harvest. The winter is inclement - the roads are broken up, & the Season of preparation is shortened. And the Spring is worst of all - besides its other disqualifications. the all important one to the Settler of being robbed of an entire year - should be sufficient of itself to condemn it. — I would recommend the 20th of September as the most appropriate day to be fixed upon for the Commencement of the March, - As the people Collect they should be divided off into Companies not to exceed 400. As soon as one Company is organized let it be started forthwith even should

il be before the 20th under a Conductor, one assist ant & one wagon master - and accompanied by one attendant physicians. And after this every 4th or 5th day let a similar party similarly officered & provided ~~[illegible]~~. - The Contracts for Forage & Subsistence should be hired out for every 45 to 50 miles of road - Enabling a Company to feed at night at its depot & be subject to the transportation of from 2 to 3 days supply only. Couriers Stationary should can approve the Contractors of the approach &c of the Several parties. In this arrangement it is my belief it would be Economy for government to purchase good substantial 4 horse wagons at second hands, to be drawn by 6 able bodied oxen & driven as far as practicable by drivers hired from amongst the Emigrants; or to allow Emigrants to furnish their own teams, to be forged by government & for the services of such to receive a Compensation previously fixed upon. - Each person to be allowed

50 lbs of baggage & each wagon to carry the effects infirm &c of 20 persons :- this will average through the journey from 1800 to 2000 lbs which will be enough. They should average with such loads 15 miles per day. Wagons & oxen of the kind recommended will meet with a ready sale in the Western Nation or in Arkansas Terry. & at about the prices paid for them on this side of the Mississippi. or The route should be via [redacted]ville & Batesville crossing the Ohio R at Golconda, & the Mississippi R at St Genevieve. or

I would think however the most expeditious & economical method - the one which would be most agreeable to the movers & most conducive to their healths would be that of allowing them to move in small bodies whenever to the amt of 2 or 3 wagon loads they report themselves in readiness to do so. - In this case the wagons should either be owned by themselves, or a trust worthy person - provided

there is not one amongst them capable of conducting the party & controlling the wagoners - should be hired to take charge of, & go along with them. Most of the wealthier of the Cherokees own wagons, & many of them who do not will want this kind I recommend upon their arrival in the Western Nations; & would be willing I think to buy here upon reasonable terms & have the value of the same deducted from their interest overments; & each owner of a wagon would for a compensation of $100 carry the effects &c of his party of 20 from home to home. They would upon an order or check from the Disbg Agent be fed & forwarded at the several depots along the road; & their tolls & ferriages charged to the U.S. - and they should receive their compensation for transportation immediately upon their arrival in their new country. - In consequence of the assistance which may be rendered by one team to another in bogging & other obstacles, or accidents there should be never less than two wagons allowed to start at one

time. Neither should more than 4 wagons be allowed to start in company without a Government Agent. — The Capacities of individuals to take charge of parties to be decided upon by the Superintendent of the Removal. — In this case as well as the other the fall should be the season of Emigration; and Enrolling Agents should be particular in impressing upon the minds of Emigrants the necessity of beginning their move before the close of September. The Disbg Agent as before should be kept constantly advised of the progress of Enrolment — he should provide tickets to each party authorising their tolls & ferriages to be charged to the U.S. — & checks also upon the several Contractors authorising supplies of forage & provisions; & these he should collect & the Emp- ication of each Division of Emigration. Contracts for the fall of 1835 should be advertised for in November '34: — this will enable the Contractor to supply himself in bacon over winter. —

The Ration I think too liberal & hence a great wastage. I would recommend to the Ration 1 lb of fresh meat or $\frac{3}{4}$ lb of Bacon & $\frac{3}{4}$ quart of Sifted Corn meal (dry measure) to each grown person; and $\frac{3}{4}$ lb of fresh meat or $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of bacon & $\frac{1}{2}$ quart of Corn Meal to every child. A Ration of fresh meat, or even two, either of beef, pork or venison - the strength of the party authorizing it - should be furnished at each depot. Salt in the proportion allowed for fresh meat should also be furnished at those times. Oxen derive but little nourishment from Corn. The little that is given to them should be in the husk or "Shuck" & Cob. They should chiefly be subsisted on Corn fodder & the "Shuck" - the latter of which is the most nutritious. Stout, long legged - black footed & stout horned oxen should be selected for the service. The Services of Sub agents Assistant Conductors, Physicians &c should

be engaged under specific written stipulations showing upon their faces, & accurately defining the duties to be performed & the compensation to be allowed to each; and this compensation should be fixed at a rate amply sufficient to cover all expenses & to render besides to the servant a hire proportionate to his cares, his fatigues & his privations &c

Envy 20. Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris
Cherokee
Creek Agency 27th
Dec. 1833 —

1100 Indians are under engagement to remove, only 3 or 400 will accept the commutation —

He thought the indians will not be permitted to remove without first securing the payment of their debts.

They expect an advance from Government for that purpose &c

Recd 11 Jany

Choctaw Agency East
27th Decr. 1833

Sir

In consequence of advices recd from the Superintendant of this Agency I have established the following arrangements for the subsistence & transportation of the Indians of the Choctaw Nation as are desirous to be removed to the Country west of the Mississippi. By the same authority I am instructed that there are already Eleven hundred Individuals under agreement to Emigrate as soon as satisfactory measures can be adopted for their removal; of which number about Nine hundred have been enrolled during the present season. Of these it is probable some 200 only will accept of the Commutation allowance. — Although as yet I have recd no definite requisition from the Superintendant for provisioning & transporting the above; he had stated in his letters that about the middle of February would be the time fixed upon for the first Embarcation —

Circumstances have however recently come to my knowledge of which I had never before been fully apprized, and which lead me to fear that unless a speedy remedy be adopted, will seriously retard the removal of the Emigrants.

It appears that a large class of these are deeply involved in pecuniary embarrassments and all of them probably more or less indebted. And as the States have now extended their juris-

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[illegible] of their Crops over the whole Country with the exception of [illegible] within the Chartered limits of the Cherokees — they will not be permitted to leave their homes until they have made a satisfactory settlement with their Creditors.

From recent Conversations which I have had with the Superintendent, with the U.S. residing Agent Col Montgomery and with other intelligent & disinterested persons on the subject, I am fully persuaded that the Emigrants on their difficulties confidently look to Government for assistance, and expect that either an advance will be made to them upon the valuation of their improvements, or that suitable agents will be authorized to shield them from the operations of the Law, by securing the payment of all just debts.

The [illegible] wishes of the Department in this are that every obstacle to the prompt removal of the Emigrants should be surmounted before it is attempted. Whilst the Credit of the Government [illegible] that these Indians should be hurried to their lands in Arkansas in season to raise their provisions for the second year, or in case of failure on its part to feed them [illegible] to depart a twelve month longer.

Many of those who have enrolled this year are exceedingly poor — the last season yielded them but a scanty harvest & their stock rather is at [illegible] nearly exhausted, and some families are even now suffering from want: — and these — all other impediments

removed — are not to be intrusted with their own transportation. When the Chiefs leave [illegible] — without money and without credit — they must eventually, (though the time fixed upon for their assembling, delayed by the [illegible] causes, may not have arrived) in Fraud — or charity, the destitute [illegible]. The prevailing opinion amongst those who are going West is that the United States will in [illegible] leave this [illegible] 15th or 20th February — under the necessary requisitions of the Superintendant, as far as my duties are implicated, the means will be in readiness for them to do so. All delays beyond that time will in my opinion be highly prejudicial to the interests of your Department.

Should the above Statement of my views, Sir, upon consideration coincide with your own I would respectfully urge your interception with the Secretary of War for a prompt remedy to the Evils which are apprehended. It is believed that a Secret restoration of the discretionary power, formerly invested in the Supt. of the Removal Bureau, to the Notes of Emigrants would be the most expedient [illegible] that can be recommended. [illegible] Should suppose that a wise Exercise of such powers on the part of their agents would exempt the government and the Emigrants from the imputations to which they have been mutually exposed. I have the honour to be Sir,

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.

Brig. Genl.
Geo. Gibson
C. G. S. U. S. Army

Joseph W. Harris. Lieut
Disbg. Agent Cherokee Removal

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Lieut W. Harris
Estimate of Funds

Cherokee Removal

Quarter ending
31st March
1834

Recd Jany 25th 1834

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Estimate of Funds required for disbursement at the Cherokee Removal in the Quarter ending on the 31st day of March 1834

Subsistence

Rations for 1200 Emigrating Cherokees for 50 days being 60,000 Rations at 8 Cents pr Ration — $4800.00

Transportation

1200 Emigrants with their baggage &c in flats from Ellijay to Waterloo Ala. at $1 45/100 pr head $1740.00

1200 Emigrants &c in Steamboats from Waterloo to the Mouths of the Tallisaw, Illinois & Grand R's at $6. — 7200.00

500 Emigrants to remove themselves under the Commutation Allowance at $18 pr head — 9000.00

40 Wagons for removing the property of Emigrants to Place of Embarkation — Ser for 10 days at $3. 1200.00

Contingencies

1 Superintendant of the Removal at $2000 pr ann.					$500.00
2 Enrolling Agents	90 days	"	$4 pr. diem		720.00
2 Appraisers	"	"	" $3 "	"	540.00
1 Disbursing Agent	3 months	"	$61 "	month	183.00
4 Interpreters	90 days	"	$2 50/100 "	diem	900.00
3 Wagon Masters &c	20 "	"	$2 50/100 "	"	150.00
Building Provision Store, repair of Camp &c					200.00
Other Contingencies, transportation of Conductors &c					300.00
Total Amount					$27.433.00

Balance on hand pr. Acct. Current — $3974 92/100

Deduct Amt. due, remaining unpaid for Services of Superk Agents, Appraisers &c $2000 — $1.974.09

Total Amount required — $25.458 21

Joseph Wharing Lieut.
Disbursing Agent Cherokee Rem.t

1st. January 183

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Letter from Mr. Cheatham of Nashville to Genl W. Harris Distg. agent Cherokee Removal

— " —

30th Decr. 1833

The subject of this letter anticipated, — See letter Book B. page 145

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Nashville December 30th 1833

Dr. Sir

I have just read your publication in the Nashville Banner requesting proposals for the transportation of the Cherokee Indians from Flower, Waterloo, &c.

I have thought it my duty to inform you, that I made a Contract with the Government in the winter of 1831 for the transportation of all the Cherokees, which Contract was reduced to writing between myself and Capt. McClintock at Nashville on the 9th day of April 1832. I hold one of the Contracts, and a Counterpart was given by myself with Securities; which was forwarded on by the Captain to Washington City and accepted and filed away — the heads of the departments having an acquaintance with myself and Securities. Inclosed is a Copy of the Contract. I have always considered, by that Contract I was vested with the right of removing all the Cherokee tribe, as they might Emigrate; in consequence of which I have built an additional boat, & have on this account refused more than once to sell my interest in them. I removed one lot of them under the Contract and my boat on her return run on a sand bar, was detained many weeks until the Spring rise floated her off; which misfortune prevented the boat from making a profit, & by her absence she lost her general run of Custom at home which was a serious loss to her. I am bound to the Government with good Security. I have two

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good boats of the proper size always in readiness, & it would indeed be to me strange if the Government were not by the Contract under similar obligations to me. I take it for granted that you have not heretofore been informed of the Contract. It was known to Mr Carey, one of the Indian Agents, to Col Williams of Calhoun, Col Montgomery and others: and known to all here. The Messrs Armstrongs who are removing, or have been removing another tribe knowing of the Contract and the Commission my boats had with the Government, gave one of them a preference to a certain extent over other boats: The Armstrongs & Capt McClintock reported favorably both of my boats and the Commanding Officers. If I believed it could be of any service, I could write on to our Senator, and Representative who would examine into the fact as stated & cause the report to be made to you accordingly. After you read the Contract, I hope you will put the same construction on it that I do & will write to me accordingly. Should you however differ with me in opinion & contend that the Government had the right to consider my Contract a nullity; & you should choose to enforce that right, & make a new Contract with some other person or change the nature of mine I would still think under all the circumstances a preference should be given to me. I should like to hear your views on this subject, I think under the same knowledge of facts, we would concur in opinion. From the preparations I have heretofore made

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I having held myself in constant readiness to the Cps of the Contract to me at this time, would inflict a greater injury than the Government out to be willing to inflict on any Citizen.

Yours Respectfully
(Signed) D. P. Cheatham

P.S.

I am confident on the reception of this letter you will still consider the Contract in force; & if at any time the number of Indians, or any thing else should require it, you could order more than one Beef. On that subject, or on the subject of any sensible alteration of the Contract, we would have no difficulty. Should you give me the authority to purchase Pork, Flour or anything else, I would do it and ship it round at the usual freights. Let me hear from you

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A true Copy of the Original now in my possession
Jos. W. Harris
Lieut. Dept. Q. Master
Cherokee Agency (East)
18th January 1834

Cherokee Nation

it not be wrong to compel the tribe with an Nation-ality should Examine to you will the to me to Enforce person on me, if he is in

Letter in reply from
Sc J W Harris to Mr Cheat-
ham of Nashville
18th January 1834

The Subject of this letter anticipated
— see letter Book B. - pages 145

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Copy

Cherokee Agency East
18th January 1834

J. L. P. Cheatham Esq.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 30th ult. inc., enclosing the copy of a Contract completed between yourself and Capt. McClintock of the Army on the 2d day of April 1832: by virtue of which you claim the exclusive right "to remove all the Cherokee tribe as they may emigrate". Your letter although post-marked "Nashville January 1st", owing to the irregularities of the mail did not reach me at this place until the night of the 14th inst. I avail myself of the return post to answer it.

A copy of your communication will be immediately submitted for the consideration of the head of this Department – the Commissary General of Subsistence; but whilst in its decisions I can readily promise that a liberal justice will be administered upon your claims; I must decline acknowledging the validity of them, until I shall receive instructions to that effect: for the following reasons.

1st That the Department must in my opinion, have considered your stipulations with Capt. McClintock confined to the Emigration of the Spring of '32 otherwise I should have been advised of their present validity; which

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I have not. On the contrary a copy of this very Contract was recently forwarded to me officially, with several other out of date instruments of the like kind, and with no further comments than that they "might aid me in entering into similar agreements". And in the same communication, a journey which I made in October to Louisville Ky, to make arrangements there, as at the most advantageous Market, for the Subsistence and transportation of the Emigrants, was approved.

2d – That it is an acknowledged principle in letting out Government Contracts to discountenance Monopoly. And that the Subsistence Department in particular, never to my knowledge stipulates either for 'Services or Supplies' to embrace a greater period than 'twelve Months'.

3d That the pecuniary interests of the Department must have opposed its sanctioning the broad a Contract, at a time when it was very uncertain how many years the Cherokees might consume in Emmigrating – and so liberal even then, in its provisions on the Government part – when it was so pick pickle a truth, that both the facilities, and cheapness of Steam transportation would increase from year to year.

Controlled by the above considerations, and with a friendly desire to do you equal justice, you will not I hope, consider yourself aggrieved that as a Subordinate of the Subsistence Department only, I have assumed the position which I have.

As the interests of the Citizens of Louisville however, have not yet been implicated in any final arrangements, I shall conceive myself authorized, by virtue of your Statements, to give you the refusal of a New Contract to transport such of the Cherokees as shall be removed by Government during the ensuing Spring, upon the lowest terms the same Services may be obtained from others! Such obligations of course to be null & void should the legality of the Contract to which you have called my attention be acknowledged by the authority to which it is referred. —

In consequence of the uncertainty of the mails, I shall endeavour to be at Nashville towards the close of the Month; where my propositions will be submitted to you, and of which the pressure of time will demand a ready acceptance or refusal. —

Steam transportation for the removal of from 800 to 1000 individuals will probably be required to be in waiting at Florence or Waterloo about the 10th of March. —

I have not been able to see Col. Williams upon the subject of your letter. Col Montgomery however is of the opinion that your contract only extended to the Emigration of '32. Maj. Cooney is absent, but has been written to upon the subject.

Accept my very best wishes for your friendly offers of service, and believe me Dear Sir,

Very Respectfully - Your Mo Obt St.

Joseph M. Young
Asst. Disb. Agent
Cherokee Removal

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Lt. J. W. Harris

Cherokee Agency

18 Jany 1834

In relation to funds for the Cherokee emigration — and to Mr Cheatham's contract

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The subject of this letter anticipates — see letter book B. page 145

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Recd Feby 6th

Cherokee Agent (East)
18th January 1834

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the recpt of your letters of the 28th ultimo, and of the 2d inst: the former enclosing the Copy of a letter from yourself to the Superintendent of this Removal dated the 9th of April last; and the latter, a Copy of your Communication to the Same officer of the 4th inst.

The first of your letters apprises me that a deposit of "Ten Thousand Dollars" has been ordered to my Credit at Nashville.

You have probably ere this recd my "Estimate of Funds for the present Quarter." The balance between its Amount and the above Sum will be wanted: yet I would prefer a postponement of your requisition for the Same until you again hear from me.

Your instructions with regard to "baggage allowances – issues of Rations – connecting & forwarding of Master Rolls – accompanying the Emigration in person, should it be necessary – furnishing Liquors to Lt. Seawell, &c" – shall be strictly complied with.

The superiour advantages of Stipulating for the "issue of Rations by the Contractor or his Agent upon the Ways" are acknowledged; but in this Removal, at this present time, it would have been attended with considerable additional Expense. Provisions at all times command higher prices here than they do upon the Ohio River – and this in particular is a Season of Extraordinary Scarcity. To have entered upon a Contract with any one hereabouts for provisioning the Emigration upon the whole route, would have subjected Government to terms highly

disadvantageous — and then again Contractors upon the Ohio, with the present impediments to Navigation in the Tennessee R., would not like to bind themselves to bring Supplies above the Shoals. So upon due consideration I concluded to make Separate Contracts. One for Supplying Rations to the Emigrants whilst assembling & to Subsist them to below the Shoals — which Shall completed with Mr Kruge before the reception of your letter of the 28th ult. And the other for furnishing a certain quantity in bulk at Louisville to be brought round by the Steamboats Supposed to have Employed there to Waterloo or Florence; and which would have been Sufficient to have Subsisted the Emigration for the remainder of its voyage.

I have also completed a Contract with the Messrs Clift & McRae for the transportation of the Emigrants in Flats to Florence or Waterloo. When all my arrangements are accomplished, the necessary instruments & vouchers, with reasons in full for the Course I Shall have adopted will be forwarded for your inspection. —

I concur in your opinion of the "Expediency of a reduction of wages"; and think that it may be advantageously effected hereafter. at present to attempt it would be throwing obstacles in the way of the Enrollment. Such inferior assistants as shall be required upon the route, will be Engaged at a reduced price. —

I have also the honour to Enclose with this a Copy of a letter recd by the last mail from Mr Cheatham of Nashville Tenn. — together with a Copy of my answer. Mr C— is personally a Stranger to me; but as far as I am known, has the reputation of being a man of Substance and of Integrity: and

his Statement I do not doubt, will meet with your earliest attentive consideration. – The wording of the first clause in the instrument referred to is certainly in his favour; and the Stipulation of "fifteen days notice", at a time (2d of April) when the only Steamboat to be required that Season was in the Eve of leaving M– to receive on board the Emigrants at Waterloo – would seem otherwise to have been Superfluous. The bond also for $10,000 – an unusually large amt of Security for a Single trip – strengthens, if it does not establish Mr. C's position. – I have taken the liberty to address a line to Capt McClintock, requesting him to communicate to you with the least practicable delay, his views upon the present validity of this Contract. –

By last accounts I had of the Superintendent of this Removal (Jan 27th) – he was successfully Enrolling in the Valley Towns. – I am told the strength of the present Year's Enrolment amounts to 1200. – There is also a rumour abroad that about 500 Cherokees in the above Neighbourhood have very recently Enrolled – this would swell our Aggregate to 1700.

I dispatched an Express to the Superintendent a few days since – forwarding your communications, and asking of him an important official advice.

I have the honour to be Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Mo Obt Servt

Joseph W. Harris
Sicut. Dist. Agent
Cherokee Removal

Brig Genl
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Comm. Gen. Subsistence
U. S. Army

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Sealed Proposals

Will be received by the Subscriber until noon on Wednesday next for building at the 'Emigrants' Camp' One Block or Log house for a Provision Store, and Three blocks of Log Huts for Shelters. —

The Store to be 25 by 18 feet — of rough logs, notched sufficiently deep to lay close, and if necessary to be partially chinked — Eaves 10 feet from the ground — roof of 5 feet pitch, & to be well covered with good boards. The Entrance to be secured by a strong door & lock. A log shed 10 ft by 8 to be attached to one end of the Store — to be provided with a wooden chimney & secured at the entrance by a door.

Each of the Three blocks of Huts to contain 4 wards or Cabins 15 by 15 ft each — to be built of rough logs well notched — Eaves to be 8 ft from the ground — Roof to be secured, covered with good boards; 4 to 5 ft in the Clear.

Also the old blocks are required to be reroofed. —

The repairs, and the building of the Store, to be completed on the 3rd Jan^y — 'Blocks' to be finished 10th February next.

Persons proposing for the above are invited to bid for the job and to leave their letters (indorsed "Proposals to build" & addressed to the Subscriber) at the house of Lewis Ross Cherokee Agency

January 9th 1834

Joseph W Harris
Lieut Dist^d Agent
Cherokee Removing

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Abstract of Proposals to
build & repair at the
Camp Ground
— " —
Cherokee Removal

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Abstract of Proposals received for building a Provision Store and Log Cabins or Shelters, and for repairing old Huts at the Camp Ground or point of Embarcation for Emigrants of the Cherokee Removal.

Dates of Proposals	Names of Bidders	To build a Store at	To build Cabins at per Cabin	To repair Cabins at per Cabin	To build a Shelter adjoining Store	Amount Total at 16 Cabins to be built
~~January 14th 1834~~	John Hardwick	$50	$7	$2.50	—	$187
" 10th "	William Price	45	7	2	—	177
" 15th "	James & Price & Co	44	6.75	2.50	—	177
" " "	William Rogers	* 30	5.83⅓	4	$10	173.33
" " "	Thomas Wolf	41	6.50	2	—	165

* to build Store house without the addition required

Cherokee Agency
15th January 1834

Lot M. Morrill
Act'g Dist Agent
Cherokee Removal

Abstract of Proposals to furnish & deliver at Waterloo Ala. - 200 Bbls. of Flour - 150 Bbls of Salt Pork - 50 Bush Salt - for the Subsistence of of the Cherokee Emigration of 1834. —

Dates	Residences	Names of Bidders	Flour per Barrel	Pork per Barrel	Salt per Bushel
21st Decr. 1833	McMinn Co	Kroge and Shields	$7	$10	$1 25/100
10th Jan.y 1834	" " "	H. C. & G. C. Bradford	$5 97½/100	$15 25/100	$1 50/100
25th Decr. 1833	Fellicos Plains	J R Henderson	$10 50/100	$14 50/100	$2

Cherokee Agency East
18th January 1834

Joseph M. Harris
Sub. Dist. Agent
Cherokee Removal

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Abstract of Proposals to transport the Emigrating Cherokees in Flat boats to below the Shoals, in the Spring of 1834. –

Dates	Residences	Names of Bidders	Rate of Bid per head
1833			
21st December	Soddy Co. Hamilton	Clift & McRee	$1 45/100
28th "	Smith & Blount Co.	Alexander & Co	$1 75/100

Cherokee Agency East
8th January 1834

Joseph W Harris
Sixth Dist. & Agent
Cherokee Removal

Abstract of Proposals to furnish Rations to Cherokees emigrating in the Winter and Spring of 1834. —

Dates	Residences	Names of Bidders	Rate of Bid
1833			
21st December	Mc Minn Co	David L Kruge	8 cts per Ration
25th "	Tellico Plains	J R Henderson	9 " " "
27th "	Calhoun Tenn	William Bates	11 3/4 " " "
17th "	Knoxville "	James C Luttrell	20 " " "

Cherokee Agency East
1st January 1834

Joseph M Harris
Disbursing Agent
Cherokee Removal

Clift & McRae's
Brick
— " —

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Sodby Hamilton County Tenn
31 Oct. Dec 1838

Lieut. Harris, transporting
Agent for the immigrating Cherokees
Dear Sir

We will transport the immigrating Cherokee indians from the Cherokee Agency to Florence or Gatteridge on the Tenn. River on board of flat Boats agreable to your proposals of the 11th instant for one dollar and forty five cents a head Given under our hands and seals this the day and date above written. Clift & McRae

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Mr Harris

McMinn Co. Tennessee
December this 21st 1833

Sir seeing your advertisement for the want of from ten to forty thousand rations to be delivered at Calhoun Tennessee from the 15th of January next to the 31st of March following a ration to consist of 1¼ lb. pork & ¾ of a quart of sifted corn meal and a fraction of salt I will furnish by the ration at eight cents per ration yours &c

David L. Finn

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

McCurtain Co. Tennessee

December this 21st 1833

Sir seeing your advertisment for 200 barrels of flour also 150 barrels of pork and 50 bushels of salt wanted at Florence we will furnish the flour at $7 Dollars per barrel. the pork at $10 ~~dollars~~ per barrel salt at $1.25 cts per fifty ~~lb~~ yours &c

David L. Knox

William Shields

$1400 Flour
150 Pork
62.50 Salt
$2962.50

This would be a reasonable bid could these gentlemen furnish the quality of provisions required by me upon the above terms. but I am satisfied they cannot. a portion of their flour they compute is of an inferior kind: and they neither have the means, or know anything

over

about putting up pork in pickle in this section of the Country.

I shall direct such provisions as may be required to subsist the Emigrants from below the Shoals to be purchased in open Market, either at Nashville or Louisville, to be conveyed to the commencement of Steam Navigation by one of the boats that shall be employed to transport the Emigrants to Arkansas. —

Cherokee Agency East
January 18th 1834

Yours &c
W. Carey
Sub Agent
Cherokee Rem.

Hugh L. Sheldon,
Pro.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Tellico Plains Dec. 25th 1833,

Proposals for furnishing Rations on the Cherokee Emigration at Calhoons McMinn's County E. Tennessee

The undersigned will furnish at such times and in such quantitys as the agent may require at the following prices — — — — —

1. 1 lb of good fresh pork
3/4 of a quart of sifted corn meal
4 quarts of Salt for Each 100 Rations
at 8 cents per Ration — — —

2. 1 1/4 lbs of good fresh pork
3/4 of a quart of sifted corn meal
4. quarts of Salt for Each 100 Rations
at. 9. cents per Ration — — —

3. 1/2 lbs of good fresh pork
3/4 of a quart of sifted cornmeal
4 quarts of Salt per Each 100 Rations
at 10. cents per Ration — — —

Or in Lieu of the fresh pork and Salt I will furnish 3/4 of a pound of good smoked Bacon. with the corn meal at 10. cents per Ration — — — —

Turn over

Lewis J. W. Harris

Sir

On my way from Calhoun I saw your advertisement in the Athens papers of 18th Instant. Requiring 1½ M of fresh pork for Ration. I have thought proper to make the bids differing in quantity either of which I will comply with

Believe me to be with Sentiments of High Consideration
your obt. Humble
Servant

J. Robinson

P.S. My place of Residence is the Fellers Mills
Monroe County

Endorsed Bid

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Jessies Plains Dec. 25th 1838

Proposals for 200 Barrels flawes. 150 Barrells Salted pork. 50 Bushells Salt in Barrells

The undersigned will furnish the above named provisions at the places and prices below — specified / viz

at Calhoun East Tennessee

Flawes per Barrel $7.50

Salted pork per Barrel

if it can be procured $12.00

if the pork cannot be got

30 000 lb good smoked

Bacon in place of

150 Barrels pork $9.00

per 100 lb

50 Bushells Salt in Barrels. 1.50 per Bushell 50 lb per Bushell

At Florance Alabama

Flawes per Barrel $10.00

Salted pork per Barrell 14.00

or in place of 150 Barrells Salted

pork 30000 lb good smoked

Bacon at $10.00 per 100 lb

50 Bushells Salt - @ $2.00 per Bushell 50 lb per Bushell

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At Mobile Alabama

Flaxes per Barrel - $10 50
Salted pork per Barrel - 11.50
In in peace of 150 Barrels
Salted pork 30 000 lbs good
Smoked Bacon $10 50 per 100 lbs
50 Bushels Salt in Barrels
50 lbs per Bushels - - @ $2 00

The Residence of the unassigned
is at the Tellico Plains Monroe County
East Tennessee

D R Henderson

Lieut J M Harris
Calhoon
Tennessee

Per Indian
Trade

I will furnish the rations agreeable to your advertisement for Eleven and three fourth cents

27th Dec 1833

William Bates

Securities

John Hardenbrook

& Benjamin Hambright

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J. W. Harris Lieut.
& U.S. Agent for
removal of
Indians

Mississippi

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Cherokee Agency Decm 28th 1833

Sir — I am willing to undertake to transport the Emigrating Indians from this place to Florence or Waterloo in flat bottom boats at one dollar and seventy five cents per head including their own bagage —
it would be very inconvenient for me to provision steersmen therefore I think they should mess with the families they have the charge of — &c — I would be willing to transport at one dollar and forty nine cents per head with an extra allowance for steersmen pilotage unavoidable expences &c &c —

Lieutenant J. W. Harris
U. S. Agent removal of
Indians

A J S h —

~~Sml Prater~~
~~Ben Prater~~

N.B. Will give for security Sml Prater Ben Prater or any other person that may be required in my neighbourhood — Residence near Unitta Blount County

Alex. J S h —

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Columbus McMinn County Tennessee
10th January 1834

Sir.

The undersigned will deliver to the Agent for the Cherokee removal — Two hundred Barrels of good new superfine flour one hundred Barrels of Salt pork of quality equal to Mess No. 1. New York inspection fifty bushels good clean salt. (corn) at Calhoun by the 15th of July next or at Florence or Waterloo by the 28th of the same Month. for the consideration of five dollars and ninety seven & one half cents per barrel for the flour — fifteen dollars & ninety five cents per Barrel for pork, containing two hundred pounds and one dollar and fifty cents per bushel for salt.

Tl C. & G. C. Bradford

$1195. Flour
2392.50 Pork
75. Salt

$3662.50
2962.50 - Know in favour of Knox's Estate
$700.00

Proposals to build

Lieut Harris

Cherokee Agency

Philemon Thomas

Chief

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Lieut. Harris

Sir I will build the Store House at the Camp ~~For Forty~~ five dollars. and the two Blocks ~~For~~ Seven Dollars a pen and repair the old pens for two dollars each

Respectfully
Your H.
William Price

10th January 1834

45
112
20
177

Buffer Bd.

James & Thos.
Brick

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We will Build the Store house for $44 and office the Cabbons for six Dollars and 75 cents Each more or less and the repairs on the old ones for $2.50 each and Comply with your Direchons this 14th of Jan 1834

M W Butler
James C Price

44
108
25
177.

6.75
16
4050
675
108.00

250
10
25.00

Lohn Hardwick's

Brick

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I propose to build the provision
house for fifty dollars
the camps at seven dollars each camp
and the repairing at two dollars
& fifty for each camp

John Hardwick

Agency
14th Jan 1834

56
112
25
187

Proposals to Build

Lieut. J W Morris
U. S. Dist. Agent
Cherokee Agency

Millison Bryan
Prices

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Calhoune January 15th 1834

Lieut. Harris sir I will do the bilding and repairing at the following prises vis

Repairing the old camps - - - $40.00 dallars

The three new blocks - - - - - $70.00 dollars

Store House - - - - - - - - - $30.00 dollars

The roome or Shed - - - - - $10.00 dollars

I will do the above named repairing and bilding for the above named prises which I will compleete agreabel to your advertishment yours &c William Rogers

12) 70 (5.83 1/3
60
100
96
40
36
4
16
3498
583
5
3293.33

16 Cabins @ $5 83 1/100 - 93.33
repairing Camps - 40
Store House - 30
" Shed &c - 10
173.33

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To Lieut. Harris

Sir I will build the stone house and four new camps and repair all the old camps for One Hundred and Sixty four Dollars

15th January 1834

Thomas Wolf

The above was the original bid of Mr Wolf, which which I opened he explained in the presence of other bidders & respectable persons to mean that for the sum stipulated he proposed to build the stone & appurtenances, 4 blocks of 4 cabins each, & to make the necessary repairs. This bid at my suggestion he withdrew, & presented the other which I drew up for him upon the spot agreeably to his dictation & to the satisfaction of all parties present.

15th Jan.y 1834 Joseph Williams
Sixty. Dist. Agent
Cherokee Rev.d

Thomas Wolf's.
Bid attested to
fulfill the terms of
of agreement

Sd. J. H. Hewes
Lieut & Quart
Mr. Gen.

Approved
Bruce.

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Cherokee Agency
15th Jan.y 1834

Lt J M Harris
U. S. Army
Sir

I agree to build and repair at the Camp Ground agreeably to your advertisement as follows

The Store & Shanty attached do — $41
" Cabins not to exceed twenty at $6 50/100 pr Cabin
" Repairs of ten Cabins " $2 " "

Thomas Wolf

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24 Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris

Cherokee Agency

8 March 1834

Is in want of more funds than he had anticipated.

Has drawn on the Dept in favour of Lewis Ross &c

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Rec'd 22 March

Cherokee Agency East
8th March 1834

Sir

Since mailing my Returns & letter of this date I find by advices from Maj Carney who has just arrived from the Mountains that I am likely to be called upon immediately to make ~~[illegible]~~ disbursements to a larger amount than I have funds at present on hand to meet the same. And these are chiefly on account of Commutations to be paid to Emigrants on the eve of departure and of Arrearages for services rendered by Interpreters, &c whose payment cannot be delayed without augmenting the discontents already too prevalent: and ~~[illegible]~~ Material injury accruing to the Service. in Under such an Emergency, and with Art. 4th Sec. III before me, I have deemed it my duty to draw upon you this day for Eight Hundred and twenty five Dollars payable to Lewis Ross, or order at Sight: being for the like amount received from him on account of U. S. Disbursements in the Removal of the Cherokees, and for which

Lt J. W. Harris
Cherokee Removal

Abstract of Contingencies
for
January
1854

Recd March

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

MONTHLY ABSTRACT *of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the* Cherokee **Indians** *for the Month of* January, 1834, *by* Lieutenant Joseph W Harris Disbursing Agent.

DATES.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PAID.	Dollars.	Cents.	REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c.
1834					
23d January	Young Wolf	Services as Interpreter	62	50	
24th "	Alexander Wolf	" " Express	12	00	
29th "	Lt. J W Harris	" " Disb.g Agent	61	00	
27th "	Benj.n F Currey	Disbursements to Agents	67	50	
28th "	John M Grey	Services as Interpreter	22	50	
		Amount	$225	50	

I Certify *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Signed Joseph W Harris Lieut.
Disb.g Agent *In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.*

Dated February 11th ~~1834~~, 183

Lt. J. W. Harris
Cherokee Removal
Abstract of Transportation
January
1834

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

MONTHLY ABSTRACT *of Disbursements for the Transportation of the* Cherokee **Indians** *for the Month of* January —— , 1834, by Lieutenant Joseph W Harris Disbursing Agent

DATES.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PAID.	Dollars.	Cents.	REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c.
1834					
20th January	John McIntosh	Commutation & Transport & Subsist himself & family to Arkansas	288	00	
" "	James Miller	Ditto for himself	18	00	
" "	John Spears	" " "	18	00	
" "	Riley Thornton	" " "	18	00	
" "	John McDaniel	" " "	18	00	
" "	James McDaniel	" " " & family	288	00	
" "	Thomas Hill	" " "	18	00	
" "	Hossefly	" " " & family	72	00	
23rd "	The Dougherties	" " themselves & families	342	00	
30th "	" Ropies	" " " " family	234	00	
		Amount.	$1514	00	

I Certify that the above **Abstract** is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.

Signed Joseph W Harris Lieut.
Disbursing Agent — In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.

Dated February 11th ~~1834~~, 1834

Emig 25 — Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris
Cher. Agency 8th March
1833 —

Sends abst. disbursements —
Explains the cause of the smallness of the emigration.
About 900 will remove
Asks p.a commutation allowance to 342. &c &c.

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Recd 21 March

Cherokee Agency East
8th March 1834

Sir

I have the honour to cover to you with this Abstracts of Disbursements for Transportation and for the Contingencies of the past Month.

Although I have been issuing Rations to a greater or less number of Emigrants since the 1st ultimo; I have taken the liberty to defer a Return of the same until the close of the Quarter. My reasons for which when ultimately given will, I think, prove satisfactory to yourself. — My Disbursements for Subsistence with the Exception of a Draft drawn by me on the 26th ultimo in favour of Messrs. Sam.l & Isaac Bell of Louisville for $1364 25/100 in payment of provisions purchased by them to my order, and for which I have not yet rec.d a Acct. in forms — has thus far been confined to the disbursement of some small Sums to Emigrants, in Commutation of Rations furnished by and to themselves, on the way, from their respective homes to the Agency. —

As far as practicable I have governed myself by your instructions, and the regulations given to me as a Guide. When I have deviated from them, it has been in cases where my judgement told me that the interests of the Service required I should do so, and that such deviation would secure your approval. — The business of Emigration has not resulted so prosperously this season as could have been wished: and your Department will have been put to greater Expenses than the actual Strength of this year's Movement would seem to justify. My Estimate for the present Quarter was based on data furnished me by the Supt.

of the Removal. And towards the close of January, I was called upon by that Officer to provide "Subsistence & Transportation for Twelve hundred Emigrants" — in Kind — to commence assembling these at the Agency on the 15th of February, & to have boats in readiness to Embark the same on the 1st of March. He likewise at the same time verbally advised me that the Commutation Allowance would be required for from 3 to 500. in addition. I immediately upon this completed my arrangements with respective Contractors, and made provision of all things necessary on my part to carry this requisition into effect. — Upon the appointed time Wagons were despatched to all quarters of the Country occupied by those of the Enrolled who were not to receive Commutation, for the purposes of collecting them, & hauling in their Effects &c to the Agency. — But from time to time as unfavourable reports would reach me from my Wagon Masters and from other Authentic Sources — I curtailed my preparations as far as it remained in my power to do so, and forwarded to my Contractors new instructions. Still my Exertions have not served the Service all I could have desired. — The Wagons Employed by me, with the Exception of one or two sent in the Mountains — have all returned, generally half loaded, and many of them Empty. — My Wagon Masters or Collectors report to me — what is corroborated from all quarters — that there is a general dissatisfaction pervading the Enrolled: Many of them have abandoned their homes and taken to the Woods and to the Mountains for Concealment. Others peaceably & quietly remain in their Cabins — Unwilling to the willingness promptly to comply with their Engagements, when the Promises which induced

them to Parole are forbidden by government agents; but firmly decline assembling until such promises are complied — and others again with arms in their hands assume a hostile attitude — indignantly assert that they have been grossly deceived, and that they hold their mutual obligations as binding. — Such are the reasons given to me by my subordinate agents, for their want of success in the accomplishment of the duties required of them, and for the meager assemblage of Emigrants at the Camp: and I rely with confidence upon the integrity of their reports.

I have reason to congratulate myself upon the liberal & complying disposition of my Several Contractors who have in all cases, at at divers times varied their arrangements, at no small inconvenience to themselves, to meet my wishes: and this too in the most frank and obliging manner.

The data furnished me, is so little to be depended upon, in all things connected with this Removal; that although I expect to be at the fleet on Thursday next at farthest, I do not yet know what number I am to provide for. I have satisfied myself however, within the last few days that the number will not exceed Four Hundred and Fifty.

I shall go with them — my unfinished a/c's will be left in the hands of the Supt or Capt. Montgomery. Such of the provisions purchased at Louisville as are damaged or perishable will either be sold at Waterloo, or turned over to Lt Harwell upon my arrival at Ft Gibson — or disposed of at Little Rock, as shall hereafter appear to my judgement the most advantageous to the interests of the service. I have already paid the commutation allowance to 342 individuals: leper ds of 300 whom are already on their way, & the balance will probably be off tomorrow. — There will

then remain from 80 to 100 who are yet to receive the allowance & transport themselves. — So upon the whole I think I may safely say that the strength of the Actual Emigration this year will amount to about "Nine Hundred". — If you have not already acted upon my Communication dated Nashville Feby 5th. requesting an immediate deposit at that place of the balance of my Estimate (say $15.000) you cannot too soon order to my credit there, a reduced Amt. (say $10.000). —

I have also the honour to advise you that James Elder, a man my own employed by me, has petitioned Congress through the Member from this District, Mr. Stanford, for remuneration for three horses accidently drowned by him whilst so employed. — This case is one which excites my compassion, & I would wish him relief. But it is my duty to apprise you that his services were engaged under written agreements, and that his is not an exception to the last clause of Art. 9th Sec IV th. — He states however, and his character stands well here, that "he had been water bound at the Creek for several days — that the provisions of his party were exhausted, and that in that wilderness country it was either Swim or Starve". This deserves consideration. — And then again the Emigrants who were with the Wagon, make some claims for loss of property caused by the upsetting of the same in the Creek: and some of these say it was owing to mismanagement, that the accident happened. The truth is difficult to find."

I remain Sir, With very great respect
Your Mo Obt. Servt. Joseph W. Harris
Lt. Disbg. Agent
Cherokee Dem.

Commr. Gen. Inds. Affs.
W. S. Conway

Cherokee Removal

Abstract of Transportation

February

1834

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MONTHLY ABSTRACT *of Disbursements for the Transportation of the* Cherokees **Indians** *for the Month of* February, 1834, *by* Lieutenant Joseph W. Harris Disbursing Agent

DATES.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PAID.	Dollars.	Cents.	REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c.
4th. February 1834	The Doughertys families	Commutation allowed to transportation subsistence thereof to Ark	270	00	
8th. "	" Brums' "	" " " " "	126	00	
11th. "	" Wheelers' "	" " " " "	96	00	
" "	" Simmons & Shorts "	" " " " "	144	00	
" "	" John McIntosh Jr. "	" " " " "	18	00	
10th "	" Robert Greer	Wagoning Cherokees emigrants to the point of assembly	34	75	
" "	" Sam. L. Lowdermilk	" " " " "	36	00	
11th. "	" Sundry Cherokee Emigrants	Commutation allowance to Arkansas	684	00	
12th. "	" Gideon Morris	Wagoning Cherokee emigrants to the point of assembly	52	00	
" "	" S. W. Hyatt	" " " "	52	00	
13th "	" Sundry Cherokee Emigrants	Commutation allowance to Arkansas	414	00	
14th. "	" John Stanall	Wagoning Cherokee Emigrants to the point of assembly	5	00	
" "	" Dennis Wolf	" " " " "	5	00	
" "	" Lowrich Toms family	Commutation allowance to Arkansas	198	00	
15th "	" Sundry families of Cherokees	" " "	504	00	
" "	" Young Wolf's family	" " "	144	00	
" "	" Sundry Cherokee families	" " "	252	00	
17th "	" " " "	" " "	414	00	
" "	" George H. Ward	Wagoning Cherokee Emigrants to the point of assembly	12	60	
18th "	" Samuel Woods	" " " "	8	40	
" "	" Sundry Cherokee families	Commutation allowance to Arkansas	558	00	
21st. "	" " " "	" " "	432	00	
26th "	" Benjamin Allison	Wagoning Cherokee Emigrants to their effect to point assy	17	50	
28th. "	" Sundry Wagoners	" " " " "	343	00	

Total Amount. $4814. 25 cts.

I Certify *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Signed Joseph W. Harris Lieut.
Disbursing Agent *In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.*

Dated Cherokee Agency March 1st, 1834

J. H. Harris

Cherokee Removal

Abstract of Contingencies

February

1834

Cherokees

Recd 22d March

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

MONTHLY ABSTRACT *of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the* Cherokee. **Indians** *for the Month of* February, 1834, *by* Lieutenant Joseph W. Harris Disbursing Agent

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1834					
10th. February	Thomas Wolf	Building do at Emigrants Camp	165	00	See Contract for Building Provision Store
4th. "	W. Hazell Hunt & Co	Advertising for U. S. in National Banner	26	25	Inviting proposals to furnish Steam Transportation & Subsistence
10th. "	Lieut. J. W. Harris	Transportation to Nashville & back	83	00	Expended by Voucher
15th "	William McIntosh	Services as Interpreter	17	50	J. Enrolling Agent
15th "	Jack Spears	Ditto. "	172	50	" " "
15th "	John Candy	Ditto. "	22	50	" " "
24th "	" "	Ditto. "	20	00	" " "
19th "	J. S. Heskell	Advertising for U. S. in Nashville Register	10	00	Inviting Proposals to furnish Rations, Hire Boat Transportation &c
" "	Nelson & Harding	" " " " Republican	12	25	" " " " "
21st. "	John M. Gibbs	" " " " Tennessee Journal	12	00	" " " " " " & Wagons
28th. "	Samuel Weir	Services as Wagon Master	50	00	Collecting Emigrants, Loading wagons &c
" "	J. H. Barnett Postmaster	Postage on Public Letters & packages	11	18	Received or rec'd by me & different Contractors &c publishers of papers. &c
		Total Amount &c	$562	18	

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Signed Joseph W. Harris Lieut.
Disbursing Agent **In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.**

Dated Cherokee Agency March 1st, 1834

Emig 30 Chero Co
Letter

Lt. J. W. Harris
Nashville 18th Aug 1834
Enclosing journal.
He will soon send on his Returns.
Has on hand
$2500 - &c

Rec'd 28 Aug't

Nashville Tenn

18th August 1834

Sir

I have the honour to enclose with this Journal of Occurrences one of a Company of Cherokee Emigrants now under my charge. — In consequence of the absence of the Supt of the Removal I have been as yet unable to complete the returns due from me: they will be forwarded at an early day. — Being in possession of no advices as it regards the future Removal of Cherokees upon which to build an Estimate for funds; I have the honour to report that there is at present balance unexpended of about Twenty five hundred Dollars =($= 2500=) of which about $800 is due upon arrearages.

I am Sir

Your the very obt Servt

Lewis W Ross

Brig Genl. Geo Gibson

Dispy Supt

Thos Read

Pay. G. Agency

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Rec^d 29 april ~~Steamboat~~ Thos. Gittemeau

Arkansas R 60 miles from the Mouth

1st April - 1834

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge yours of the 18th February: rec^d by me the day before I left the Eastern Agency. - I regret that I could not have had more definite intelligence on the subject of funds before my departure. My ignorance of the provision that is to be made for me in this respect places me in a somewhat awkward situation. The remittances which have heretofore been made to my credit, are - as you will perceive by the enclosed statement - already exhausted, whilst cash disbursements continue to be daily required of my department. - The accts. which I have left behind and unsettled are chiefly confined to compensation for services of government agents, & to the payment of the commutation allowance to some few families who are yet to subsist and transport themselves. - To meet these demands I have left in the hands of Hugh Montgomery, Esqr. 'Nine Hundred and Five Dollars' and have also drawn upon the 'Union Bank Tennessee' for 'Five Thousand Dollars' in favour of Benjn D. Carey Supt. of the Removal; who upon his return to the Agency will relieve Col. Montgomery in the duties of disbursement. As there will be an immediate call upon the Superintendent for a considerable amt. of this draft - to defray the payment of which, would I conceive be prejudicial to the interests of service - I have authorized that officer should he not find a remittance in deposit to my credit at Nashville to convert the draft into a bill upon the Secretary of War, payable through you, upon demand; requesting him in such emergency to advise to you immediate advice of the same. - You will be furnished with funds sufficient to cover the expenditures of the removal during my absence: unless the Superintendent should undert-

The drafts you are but an act of Mercy to furnish Mr. Gittemeau with funds, if necessary, consistently with your duty, unless

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ake to remove another Company of Emigrants before my return — which a few days since he suggested to me for the first time that he had an idea of doing — but which I unhesitatingly remonstrated against & discouraged; and which I hope he will not think of carrying into Execution. —

I embarked the Emigrants on board the fleet of flat boats, and left the Agency on the 14th ultimo. We had a prosperous voyage of nine days to Waterloo Ala. — Where after a good deal of unnecessary ~~trouble~~ occasioned by a want of preparation on the part of your Contractor Mr. Cheatham; we took such Steam transportation as was furnished, and on the evening of the third day after our arrival continued our journey. — Find now permit me — for I do not know that I can introduce this subject at a more fitting time — seriously & respectfully to remonstrate against the negotiation of Contracts by government agents so indefinite in their stipulations as to present forever in Execution a bone of Contention and a vexatious trouble to those who are acting under them.

The terms "good and sufficient Steam ~~transportation~~" are broad in themselves, & would seem to secure to us all that we could desire. Yet upon ~~practical~~ analysis so vague & general do we find them, that we will never be able to obtain through any virtue of theirs the Measure of "goodness & sufficiency" which the necessities of Service call for. — On the Contrary the Contracting parties distinctly specify in detail their mutual obligations, and define in words, incapable of misconstruction, the precise nature, amount and quality of such — the Service will continue open to a thousand expositions — those for whose immediate benefit Contracts are made, will be cheated out of the comforts intended for them — and the public purse, and what is more to be lamented, the public name, will be most unfairly dealt with. — In thus objecting to a practice but too common; I enhumerate myself from the unworthy design of casting a censure upon any individual agent of government whatsoever: much less do I upon your Executive representation in Mr Cheatham's Contract. Experience of the Circumstances un
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tances under which I now write would have elicited from his candour the same objections to this instrument. Neither do I wish to conceal my own deficiencies on the very points which I am reprehending by arrogating to myself the merits of a Censor. It is simply my desire to do my duty; and that my experience may not be altogether valueless to a Service whose interests I have at heart; and that he who comes after me may not have to plod over the same rough path which I have travelled. —

In taking leave of this subject allow me to impress upon the Department the importance of fulfilling our promises of "comfortably providing for & removing these people" from the homes which they are leaving to the homes that are offered to them." If Mr. C's present Contract can be annulled; I would earnestly recommend that it should be done. If it is allowed that "he has a claim to the transportation of the Cherokees" - it should only be acknowledged under new, & more specific agreements. - At a more leisure period I will draw up such as I think the Service requires, and forward them for your consideration. —

I would also respectfully suggest the expediency of abandoning the "Commutation System". It has during the present Season been a serious source of exciting jealousies & discontents among the enrolled; and will ever be a means of confusing the arrangements of your Agents for the removal of such as are deemed "incapable of removing themselves." I am likewise satisfied from personal observation that it is even prejudicial to the individual interests of those who avail themselves of it. Of upwards of 400 Emigrants who left the Agency upon Commutation terms, most of them three weeks before the departure of the Company I am conducting we have already overtaken all but about seventy. They have suffered heavily from sickness & trouble - death too has thrown itself amongst them: and they bitterly regretted to me that they had ever undertaken to remove themselves - confessed their inability to do so - and begged that they might be received under my protection. As many of them as I could make suitable arrangements for I have brought along with me. But about 200 of them I was

obliged to leave at the mouth of White R. with the consolation however of a near prospect of their speedy transportation up the River upon terms reasonable & satisfactory to themselves. —

The party which I am now conducting — exclusive of those who have been taken in on the way, & who defray their own expenses amounts to Four hundred and Sixty two' only. There has been a good deal of sickness amongst us, chiefly from the Measles — which has been pretty well through the Company — from relapses in consequence of exposure to the weather, from severe coughs, dysenteries &c. We have had however but two cases of death: One from a relapse of the Measles, & One from accidental drowning. The health of my Charge is daily improving, & the people generally are in pretty good spirits — occasionally damped however by the low stage of waters; which obliges the boats to lay by at night — reduces our daily progress to 40 or 50 miles and thus retains us with considerable delay. I succeed however in restoring them to cheerfulness by good humouredly pointing out to them the folly of anticipating trouble — carefully concealing my own apprehensions, and quietly preparing to meet the worst. — In consequence of intelligence rec.d of the scarcity of provisions on the River above; I shall carry the whole of my purchase to the Western Agency, and to Ft Gibson if necessary; should it not be acceptable to the Chickasaw Contractor — I can be returned by this boat to Little Rock, when I think it may command a profit on the original Costs & Charges. —

The Supt. of the Removal accompanied me to the Mouth of the Tennessee R, & was to return from thence via Nashville to the Eastern Agency.

Enclosed is a rough Statement of Monies rec.d & issued; which may serve as a Rif to the Settlement of my Accts. Should any accident befall me. Vouchers Numbered and on file will be found amongst my papers one Set of which is in the hands of Col. Montgomery — the others at my landlords Lewis Rop's. The Superintendents will be able to explain any objections that may be made to them.

I have the honour to be, Sir
With the very great respect & esteem
Your Mo. Obt. Servt
Joseph W. Harris
Sigmt. Disb.g Agent
Cherokee Removal

Brig. Gen.l Geo. Gibson
Comm.r Gen.l Subs.
U. S. Army

Sd Harris arrived at Phila 6 April 1834.

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Lt. J. C. Harris

Arkansas River Cornels

Fourth Month, 1st April

1834 –

H. left behind sundry accts

to be paid. chiefly for compen-

sation to Agts. & Commutation

allowances, to meet which

he left with Lt. Montgomery

$905 – and also drew on

the Union Bank. Tenn: in fa-

vor of Mr. Curry, for $5000 –

Left Agency on the 11th May in flat

boat. – At Waterloo embarked

on board Steamboat – Speaks

of the mischiefs arising from

vague contracts – proposes a

new contract with Mr. Cheatham

& advises the abandonment

of the commutation system.

The number of Inds. with

their exclusive of those taken

up on the way who pay their

own expenses, is only 462 &c

Cherokee Removal

Statement of Moneys

rec'd & disbursed

by

Lieut. J. M. Harris

Disbursing Agent

in the

Operation ending 31st March

1834

Rec'd Aug 29. 1834

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Dr. Benj.n F. Currey Dept. Cherokee Removal in a/c with Lieut. M. Harris Disby Agt. Cr.

To Drafts on Union Bank Tennessee	$5000.	By Lt. H's drafts in favour of A. L. Kinsworth	$1086.56
		" Ditto " " Elijah McRae	736.85
		" Balance due Lt H on pay.t of the above	3176.59
		Amt.	$5000.00

Dr. The United States in a/c with Lieut. M. Harris Disby Agent Cherokee Removal — Cr.

To Contingencies January 1834	$225.50	By Balance due M. S. per Acct. Current 1st Jany 1834	$3974.09
" Transportation " "	1314.00	" Deposit at Union Bank Tenn. Jan.y 1834	10.000.00
" Contingencies February "	562.18	" Bill of Exchange in favor Comm.r Genl. Subs. March 8th 1834	825.00
" Transportation " "	4814.25	" Draft drawn by self in favour of Benj.n F. Currey 20th March	5000.00
" Contingencies March "	1360.62		
" Subsistence " "	2577.70		
" Transportation " "	3533.41		
" Hugh Montgomery for Rent	905.00		
" Advance to L. H. Cheatham for Rent	1118.50		
" Balance due from the Dept Removal	3176.59		
" Balance due M. S. by myself	211.34		
Amount	$19.799.09	Amount	$19.799.09

Balance due the United States per Contra — $211.34

I believe the above to be a correct Statement of Monies rec.d and Expended by me since the 1st January 1834

Lewis M. Harris
Lieut. Disby. Agent
Cl. Dept Removal

White River Arkansas Ty.
1st April 1834

Emig 32. Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris
Western Cher. Agency
May 9th 1834

Giving an acct of the Cholera among the Emigrants — 75 Indians had died on the Road — 50 of the Cholera — He employed Dr C. Roberts and afterwards Dr Byrd, Roberts Lavery died of Cholera

He, in consequence of the want of funds, made his wagon and ferriage contracts payable by Capt Brown.

He requests funds to be placed at disposal of Brown

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Since our departure from Cadron another Physician Dr James Byrd, whom I had sent for from below, has joined the party and rendered effectual service on the way. From the commencement of our march however the invalids have been on the mend & some cases I had despaired of have recovered - but 11 deaths I think have occurred & health is again pretty generally restored to the party. The Cholera has entirely disappeared, & the present list of invalids is made up of the convalescent & those who are somewhat jaded by the fatigues of the journey. As nearly as I can ascertain the number of my dead since leaving the Mississippi R amounts to 75 - of these about 50 were cases of Cholera - the remainder, little Children died chiefly of the Measles, Dysenteries, Worms &c the result of Exposure, Confinement want of proper Cleanliness, the river water & neglect of parents. Of the whole number lost 45 were children under 10 years of age. - before the appearance of Cholera in our Camp - Some of the full blooded Indians took to the woods, & endeavoured to make the best of their way to this Country. Of their fate I am not yet apprised. before my journey I proposed several of their graves. — From a faithful record of our misfortunes as will appear upon the face of my journal - & by a diligent enquiry into the causes affecting the Navigation of the Arkansas R. I think the Department will be given sufficient matter to satisfy itself of the inexpediency of attempting a further removal of the Cherokees by water. As early as I shall have accomplished my present labours, such limits for this subject as my Experience & judgement may suggest will promptly be laid before you. — In consequence of the absence of Funds, & the necessity of my returning to the Eastern Agency before

such can be rec^d: I have made my wages Contracts, ferriages, some few purchases of Subsistence &c payable by Capt Jacob Brown your agent at Little Rock; & I have the honour to request that the Amt. of Enclosed Estimates, with the necessary instructions &c may be placed at his disposal as early as practicable. Duplicates of Vouchers, & Certificates with Explanatory remarks & all things necessary for a Easy adjustment of Claims will be filed in form by me at Capt Brown's Office before I leave this Country.

I have the honour to be, Sir
With very Great Respects
Your Mo obt Svt
Joseph W Rogers
Lieut. Disbg Agent &
Conductor of Chevaux

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comm^g Genl. Subsistence
U. S. Army

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Rec'd 16 June

Western Cherokee Agency
9th May 1834

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge your letters of the 20th & 24th of March last. Your instructions therein will be complied with. —

My communication mailed at Little Rock on the 6th ultimo apprised you of the arrival of my party there. — We left that place on the morning of the 7th after discharging & storeing our surplus provisions; which the low stage of the waters rendered advisable to lighten our draught. Sundry difficulties however retarded our progress — in which the lamening of our "Steam pinnings" was not the least — and on the afternoon of the 5th day after leaving the Rock — having advanced but 45 miles further on our way — we came to the end of Navigation in consequence of low water. — Having directed the Captain of the Steamer to drop his boats to the bluffs a few miles below — the only spot in the neighbourhood which seemed to promise health to my charge — I landed there at the Mouth of the River Cadron; and selecting an airy, well wooded site, with springs of cool & pleasant water; & congratulating myself that I had found an eligeable Camp for my people — I directed that they should disembark the following morning — make for themselves comfortable tents — and air their clothing & bed furniture — and recruit themselves with the exercise & produce of the Chase: whilst I would seek to procure in the adjacent Country the necessary means for reaching our distination by land. Many of the Children were at this time very low — some were dying daily — and a large portion of the adults were debilitated by an unusual confinement

and by privations they were not accustomed to. And I hoped that a few days of air & exercise would invigorate their bodies & renew their spirits and prepare them the better to prosecute their way — to bear the evils of further confinement on board the boats if necessary; or cheerfully and effectually to encounter the fatigues of a land journey. In the mean time I apprized the Master of the Steamer that I should detain his transportation or demurrage until I could see my way clear, if do without it.

My first efforts to obtain teams & wagons owing to the lateness of the season and the want of them on the farms of their respective owners were ineffectual. Whilst engaged in a renewal of them in another quarter — the River began to rise and flattered me into a delay of my preparations with the prospect of a speedy tide. The waters fell again. And then came the Cholera in its most malignant form amongst us. And the want of sufficient Medical Attendance — the alarming progress it made through the Camp, & the panic that it spread around us — rendered it indispensably necessary that I should be constantly with my people: to aid in administering to the sick: to cheer & encourage the well, and to endeavour to keep them together. As soon as I could obtain additional medical aid from the Rock; I again set off in search of wagons, & partly through my own exertions; but chiefly through the means of an efficient agent I succeeded with a good deal of difficulty — for the news of our misfortunes had spread itself, & with exaggerated horrors, through the Country — in engaging a scanty number. Having discharged the boats — these with some few failures were slowly collected — and in the evening of the 26th & the morning of the 27th ult I broke up Camp & crossed the Cacheu. In consequence of the want of wagons — the number of sick to be transported — the entire costs of transportation

and the aversion of the Emigrants to Salted Pork I had relinquished what I had of that Supply on board the Yeatman to be stored at Little Rock, & had confined my transportation of Substitute to Flour; which the extraordinary Scarcity of Corn or other bread stuff in the Country through which I must pass would have rendered it highly imprudent in me to have left behind. on it remained for me to provide ~~[illegible]~~ forage at suitable depots along the Road. The prepare of time would not admit of the usual systematic arrangements so necessary upon such occasions when we have the leisure & conveniences for making them. No person could be found to do business with the despatch required by me - unless upon the most exorbitant terms; and owing to the lateness of the season it being all important to push my Company to its place of destination with the least delay prudently practicable: I was compelled to dispense with these Auxiliary means, and - by hard riding & a little industry I have contrived to pick up enough through the thinly scattered settlements to do both man & beast - to see myself that they had the full benefit of my labours - and, yet never at any time to be long absent from my Charge. on Near the Cadron I was fortunate in meeting with & engaging in the Service as my Assistant George Fletcher - formerly an Officer of the Army & who was recently engaged in the Removal of the Choctaws - and an Excellent aide he has been to me. - With this exception I have had no assistance on this my. on I arrived here a few hours ago - my people will encamp to night on the further Edge of the Prairie & will be here tomorrow.

Your Indian Agent Capt. Cushman is absent at Ft Gibson. I have this moment dispatched an Express with letters to him at Ft Leavenworth & shall look for them both in the morning. — In consequence of the absence of Medical advice — the attendant Physician who had accompanied me from Waterloo, having been discharged at Little Rock for reasons which will appear on the Settlement of my accounts — upon my Enquiries for Sucks, on the night of our landing in the neighbourhood of the Cadrons I was directed to the house of Dr ~~[illegible]~~ Roberts; a plain-unpretending Country doctor. He I requested to visit my sick, and after a little acquaintance so pleased was I with his attentive Care & industry in his Calling that at the request of his patients I engaged his services for the remainder of the trip. I had scarcely returned from making my final arrangements for procuring land transportation, when this Excellent man was taken down and within 24 hours after his attack fell a victim to the pestilence he was so industriously striving to stay. He has left a wife & young family in Embarrassed Circumstances. And should these bereaved ones ever call for relief upon the Government whose Servant he died; my testimony will not be wanting that he faithfully & actively discharged his trust; and generously & manfully laid down his life in the Service of his Country & of humanity. — On the day of Dr R's death — the Medical assistant I had obtained from the Rock, Dr Fulton, was seized with the prevailing Symptoms. He left me in Secrecy to reach a neighbours 7 miles distant — took to bed & for awhile his life was despaired of — he has since recovered & joined his friends. Being now deprived of all professional aid — I was thrown upon my own resources & Exertions, and — I endeavoured to do my best. —

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Lt. J. W. Harris

Special Estimate of Funds, $2324.00

To meet expenditures from Month of Cadron to the Western Cherokee Agency by land — which sum he wishes to be placed at Little Rock to credit of Capt. Jacob Brown P. D. Agt.

Dated Western Cherokee Agency 9th May 1834.

Recd June 10th 1834.

Mem: July 10th 1834 —
$2400 — placed in Capt Brown's hands
See letter to him dated 10 July.
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Special Estimate for Funds to remove Cherokees

Lt. Joseph W. Harris

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Special Estimate of Funds required to cover the Expenses of transporting a Company of Cherokee Emigrants under the direction of Lt Joseph W Harris, by land from the river Cadron in the Territory of Arkansas to the Western Cherokee Agency – and the Acct of which it is requested may be placed in the hands of Capt Jacob Brown Principal Disbursing Agent for Indians, for immediate disbursement.

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Transportation

12 Wagons for 18 days at $4 per diem --	$864.00
12 Wagons " 10 days being the same returning at – $5 50/100 per diem --	660.00
Ferriages	150.00

Subsistence

335 Emigrants (one in two small purchases) pay -	$200.00
102 Oxen, pack horses &c (ditto -- corn) –	150.00

Contingencies

Services of Agents, Interpreters &c –	$300.00
Amt. on	2324.00

Note
The unexpended balance of the above might be turned over to the Disbg Agent for Cherokees West – St Louis

Lovejoy W. Harris
Lieut. Disbg Agent
Creek & Cherokees

Western Cherokee Agency
9th May 1838

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Rec'd 1 July

Little Rock A T
June 5th 1834

Sir

In my last communication I had the honour to report to you my arrival at the Western Cherokee Agency. having preceded the party of which I had charge. After an interview with the Agent Capt Vashon I was apprised for the first time of the inutility of bringing the Emigrating party out of its route to the Agency. as there was neither provisions there for Subsistence. nor money for the payment Either of the Georgia bonus, or for the Emprovements taken by the U. S. Appraisers in the old Country: and that for the mere matter of mustering the Company it could be done any where upon Cherokee ground. In Consequence of this information - having teams already in employ, & knowing what vexations & trying delays these people had already Encountered, & how anxiously they desired a Termination of their fatigues & a permanent home: I resolved tho they had not yet reached the Agency to stop them on their March - muster them at their halting place & immediately to push them on to the respective Neighbourhoods it was their wish to settle in. I did so, & constantly had the gratification of seeing them all set down agreeably to their wishes In doing this I only Employed the portion of the teams longer than I otherwise would have done had I dispatched them at the Agency & thus for not exceeding three days. in hopes my hopes

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these Emigrants expressed feelings honorable to human nature. Although they grieved for their misfortunes & naturally lamented that they had ever left their homes they seemed fully sensible of the friendly intentions of Government, & feelingly grateful for its late protecting Care. They expressed themselves pleased with the Country to which I had brought them & almost unanimously pronounced it a better than that they had left in. From what little I have learnt from the experience of this Campaign; I should say that the fall of the year is the proper season for Emigration. The roads are then in the best condition - the Country healthy - provisions & forage in abundance & ample time is given to the new settler to open his lands for the first years' harvest. In the winter the roads are bad & the time for preparation more limited - and in the Spring the season is too far advanced to make a crop, & the following Spring finds the Emigrant with the government allowance of subsistence consumed, & his bread yet to be made for the ensuing year:- and this will be the predicament of the unfortunate people I have just lately conducted to this Country.

This is the third Season that the Cholera has scattered desolation & dismay on the Western waters. and during its malignant influence no bodies of people have been able to move in any considerable numbers for any length of time in contact with the rivers with impunity. Under these circumstances - respectfully & with the caution due from my experience I would say that humanity forbids the further transportation of the Cherokees by water. I should advise the purchase of good substantial wood wagons of the Conestoga

chase - many of which could be obtained in East Tennessee, Alabama & Georgia at second hand on advantageous terms - with teams of six able bodied well conditioned oxen, & a hired driver to each. The original costs of teams, wagons, gear &c together with the wages of the wagoner would not amount to what the department would have to pay for the service of such under contract - and they would after the transportation was ended readily bring in the Western Cherokee market, or in the territory adjacent to not quite what you would have to pay for them East of the Mississippi. - I would also suggest the expediency of never moving in one body a party exceeding 500 individuals, & should the strength of one Emigration organize several of their companies there should be three or more days intervene between their respective times of departure - this would facilitate the means of subsistence - of a healthy portion - of the passage of boats & other obstacles - as also the duties of the receiving agents in the new nation. The 20th of September would be about the right season to commence the march. - It will be impossible however to receive your instructions & organize an Emigration on this system the coming fall; at so early a period. It may be that few will be inclined to Emigrate this season. If so - although I am opposed to the system of commutation - it may be a good plan to divide such as shall desire to go into companies of 40 or 50; - each company to be under the charge of one or more of the most responsible Emigrants - who shall receive the commutation for the whole, & shall be bound under forfeiture of their improvements to subsist themselves & conduct their respective parties & transport their necessary baggage from home to home. - We are thus in haste, to see

time given you ~~a sketch~~ of the plan I would propose to discard the one which has been hitherto observed in the transportation of the Cherokees. Hurry & fatigue just now prevent my bending my mind for any time to paper - whatever experience I may have gleaned from this service to gather with such ideas as it may have given birth to which I think will be relevant or useful to your department - shall be as faithfully & systematically recorded in notes to my diary as I know how & forwarded to your office as soon as practicable. At present I am unfit for anything but to try & make my way back to the Eastern Agency. I have completed my business here & Capt Brown's office, & that officer will forward the necessary vouchers on file for the settlement of such claims as will be made upon him. I shall start tomorrow for horseback for St Louis - the waters of the river being too low to admit of my taking steam, & my health not allowing me to travel at night over the prairies. It is very probable I shall not reach my post until July. I succeeded in selling the surplus flour left in store at this place on terms as good as could have been expected. The Pork however is an unsalable article here & remains on hand to the amount of Sixty Nine barrels - also 2 Bbls of Salt. These could be advantageously disposed of in the Subsisting of the Creeks. I have advised Lt Burnham of the situation of these stores, & have left directions for them to be forwarded to him should he inquire there. At any rate I would request you to instruct Capt Brown should he find them in store upon his arrival at this place to receive & dispose of them for me. I would also respectfully request to be relieved from further duty in the Cherokee Nation as early in the approaching fall as you can detail an officer to supply my place. He should come provided with an able assistant, or an efficient Clerk - perhaps the service.

Corresp 33 Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris
Little Rock
June 5th 1834

The Cherokees had arrived in their new country.

They are pleased with it yet regret having left their former homes.

Advises that Inds. be removed by land rather than by water on acct. of the Cholera &c and in the fall of the year in preference to any other season commence the March 20th Sept.

Has sold the surplus flour but has on hand 67 bals pork & 2 of salt &c

may be genuine both; and they are not to be found in the neighbourhood of the Agency — the duties during the active season are too arduous for an unaided man. I think too it would be for the interests of the department to acknowledge this officer as a principal disbursing agent & to compensate him both the pay & emoluments of such: and when you compare his duties & responsibilities with those of your other agents I think you will confess it to be but just. [redacted] In this I speak disinterestedly for no compensation could induce me to continue in this office another season of my own free will. Whatever assistance I can be to such agent who shall relieve me (in ~~in initiating his successor~~ the) shall be most cheerfully & fully rendered to him before I leave the country. — With many thanks for your kind indulgencies & very many wishes for your public & individual welfare

I have the honour to be Sir

With very great Esteem

Respectfully

Your Ob Obt Serv.

Lorenzo W Rainey

Sixth Dist. Disb Agt.

Cherokee Ann Y.

Brig Genl. Geo. Gibson

Commg Genl Subsis

U. S. Army

Emig 39. Cherokee

Dr. J. W. Harris
Cherokee Agency Ga.
Sept. 10th 1834

Writes relative to his
request heretofore made,
to be relieved from service
and repeating that request
desiring to be relieved by
31st Sept. 1834

Recd
Washington Oct

Commissioner Gen'l of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

"Emigration of Indians"

WENTEN 14

Rec'd Sept Cherokee Agency East

[redacted] 16th Septr 1834

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge yours of the 28th ultimo. It was rec'd yesterday, & I answer it by the return post.

I respectfully regret that my letter of the 18th of August should have been so worded as to admit of the inference which you are pleased to draw from it, as it may occasion delays in my journey to my northern post which by throwing it into cold weather, may seriously inconvenience me.

To "a continuance for some time longer upon my present duties" candour requires of me to say that there are objections both on the score of personal comfort, & perhaps, of my sense of individual right. — I had hoped that my communication dated 5th June west of the Mississippi had been sufficiently explicit of my wishes. That letter was dictated under feelings harassed by fatigue, & depressed by sickness, yet sensitively alive to the interests of service. My jaded health unfitted me I conceived for an efficient continuance on the station; and a duty that I owed my friends forbade for the present the exposure of a broken constitution to further trials. I would gladly have been relieved then; but a respectful regard to the convenience of the department induced me to

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defer the time to give ample leisure for the selection of my successor.

My letter of the 18th of August was dictated under feelings of anxiety & regret that a request respectfully tendered had met with no definite notice. And apprehending that amidst other cares my simple petition had been forgotten – anxious to accomplish my journey before the winter set in – ignorant of the future plans of Emigration, and believing them, as I ~~[illegible]~~ to believe, that the business could not be carried on prosperously for ~~a~~ season to come; and that my presence here could be of essential benefit to nobody – I made bold to remind the Department of my former request & to fix a time for my proceeding to the Capitol: expecting then & there to render a final account of my Stewardship, & there also to have rec^d the relief I had solicited.

In neither of these communications was I in the least degree swayed by pecuniary considerations. In writing the first I was utterly ignorant that the Code of Regulations which have since passed into a law & is known to the world as "Mr Everett's bill" was even in commotion. And although the second was written under a knowledge of that law I could not then & I cannot now do the man the injustice to interpret his law as it reads: I refer to that paragraph in the code which seemingly requires an officer of the Army to ~~discharge~~ the most arduous & disagreeable duties of the most thankless office I know of – & which are altogether Entire

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Rec'd Sept Cherokee Agency East

[redacted] 16th Septr 1834

[redacted]

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge yours of the 28th ultimo. It was recd yesterday, & I answer it by the return post.

I respectfully regret that my letter of the 18th of August should have been so worded as to admit of the inference which you are pleased to draw from it, as it may occasion delays in my journey to my northern post which by throwing it into cold weather, may seriously inconvenience me.

To "a continuance for some time longer upon my present duties" candour requires of me to say that there are objections both on the score of personal comfort, & perhaps, of my sense of individual right. — I had hoped that my communications dated 5th June past of the Mississippi had been sufficiently explicit of my wishes. That letter was dictated under feelings harassed by fatigue, & depressed by sickness, yet sensitively alive to the interests of service. My jaded health unfitted me I conceived for an efficient continuance on the station; and a duty that I owed my friends forbade for the present the exposure of a broken constitution to further trials. I would gladly have been relieved then; but a respectful urgency to the convenience of the department induced me to

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Jno. J. C. Harris
Cherokee Agency East
Sept. 14th 1834

Sends an Current & Property
Return for 1st Qr. 1834

Says that by last mail
he received letter from Dept.
respecting his continuance
in the Service, which he de
clined to do.

Recd 1st Oct.

Cherokee Agency East
14th Septr. 1834

Sir

I have the honour to forward under cover with this, an 'Account Current' & 'Property Return' for the Quarter ending 31st day of March 1834: also a Copy of 'Official Correspondence between my self and the Superintendent of Emigration'.

By the last Mail I had the honour to address you in reply to Maj. Nooks letter of the 28th ultimo, again requesting authority to repair to Head Quarters by the 30th inst at furthest, and respectfully declining to be continued upon the Service.

With Sentiments of the highest Esteem
I remain Sir
Respectfully
Your Mo Obt Servt
Joseph W Harris
Lieut. Disbg Agt
Cherokee Reme

Brigr. Genl. Geo Gibson
Comsry Genl. Subsistence
U. S. Army

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Lt. J. W. Harris
Cherokee Agency
19th Sept. 1834

Has rec'd the letter sending him Field's acct.
Sends his acct for rent &c for 2 qrs.

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Recd Oct 4

Cherokee Agency East
19th Septr 1834

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge yours of the 6th inst enclosing Fields 'C/C'. Your Commands in that head will be promptly complied with. —

I have also the honour to cover with this 'Account Current and Return of Property for the 2d Quarter'.

With sentiments of profound respect
I remain Sir
Your Mo Obt Svt
Jos Phr. W. Ross
Sicut. Disby Agent
Cherokees

Brigr. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comdg Genl. Subsistence
U. S. Army

mig 43. Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris
Cher. Agency East —
30th Sept. 1834

Sends Voucher 4 of
Contingencies for 2 gr.
to supply the place of
one already sent &c

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Rec'd Oct 23

Cherokee Agency East
30th Septr 1834

Sir

I have the honour to enclose with this Voucher No. 4 of Contingencies for the 2d Quarter to replace Voucher of the June No. already forwarded.

For further explanation I have the honour to refer you to the Endorsement of accompanying Voucher

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lorenzo W. Navarro
Dispy Agt Cherokee Reg.

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comr Genl Indian
W. S. Irving

Mr. L.W. Harris

Cherokee Removal

Estimate of Funds

for the 4th Quarter

1834

2 enc Copies

Recd. 25 Oct.

$5000. sent to Lt. Bateman 5 Jany 1835

There left funds in the hands of Lt Bateman to the amt. of $1200 this on the 6th inst.

In addition to which a remittance of $5000 will in my opinion be sufficient to meet the current expenses of the Cherokee Removal for the present quarter

Joseph W. Harris
Sec. Dis by Expt

Washington
Jan 3d 1835

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Estimate of Funds required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians for the Quarter ending the 31st day of December 1834 with the application in detailed intended to be made of them, by Lieut. Joseph W Harris Disbursing Agent.

	$	cts
Contingencies		
Pay of 1 Superintendent at $2000 pr ann. -	500	00
" " 3 Appraising & Enrolling Agents at $4 pr diem	1104	00
"Necessary Expenses" of the Same - day $1 " "	276	00
Pay of 1 Disbursing Agent at $61 " month	183	00
" " 3 Interpreters - - - - " $2 50/100 " diem	690	00
Arrearages due Agents (unknown) day - - - - -	1000	00
Transportation of Disby Agents, &c	100	00
Transportation		
Commutation of Subs. & transportation to the Western Nation of 500 Emigrants at $18 pr head	9000	00
Amt. as	12853	00
Deduct balance on Hand as	2945	74
Amt. required	9907	26

Cherokee Agency East
30th Septr. 1834

Joseph W Harris
Lieut. Disby Agt.

"B"

Estimate of Expenses of Removal of Emigrants by Land, Via Memphis

Cherokee Removal
30th September
1834

Rec.d 25 Oct.

Lt. J. N. Ramsay U.S.A

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"B"

Estimate of Funds required to remove a party of Fifty Emigrating Cherokees by land from their homes West to the lands assigned them by the United States West of the Mississippi River.

Route – via Shelbyville, Memphis, the Dardenelles & Fort Smith

Distance – being the average from home to home – "Seven hundred & Ninety Miles"

Allowances – the same as per Estimate "A"

Market price of Supplies upon the Route

There should be supposed would be about the same as upon the upper route. The small strip of "Cotton growing Country" in the Western District through which this road lays cannot materially affect the price of provisions; as it is immediately surrounded by a "Corn growing Country". As this route however lies near the Settlements & consequently affords a readier market for Supplies – it is very probable they may be found a fraction cheaper. We will say

Corn from 25 to 75 cts per Bushel			averaging	50 cts per Bush.	
Hay or Fodder $1	"	100 lbs	"	100 cts "	100 lbs
Salt $1 to $2	"	Bush	"	150 cts "	Bushel

and adding 12½ per Ct to the value of Subsistence say

Ration of Subsistence – "Nine Cents"

Per diem Expenses of Transportation

6 Horses at	1 Peck of Corn = 1½ Bush	at 50 cts per Bush.	=	75 cts
6 " "	12 lbs. Hay or Fodder = 72 lbs	" 100 cts. "	100 lbs.	=	72 cts
6 " "	½ Gill of Salt = 3 Gills	" 150 cts. "	Bush.	=	2 cts.
1 Wagoner "	1 Ration of Subsistence	----	9 cts. "	Ration	= 9 cts.

Amt. of daily Expense of Sub.ce & Transportation = $1.58 cts

Terms of Transportation to hired Teams

the same; with the exception of Commutation for Services & Sub.ce of team & returning which should be raised to "Three Dollars and Seventy five Cents" per diem.

Rates of Travelling

regulating the per diem allowance; & weight of load the same as in Estimate "A".

"A"

Estimate of Expenses of Removal of Emigrants by land via Golconda & Giradeau

Cherokee Removal

30th September

1834

Rec'd 25 Oct

Lt. J. M. Nerris U.S.A

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"A"

Estimate of Funds required to remove a party of Fifty Emigrating Cherokees by land from their homes East to the lands assigned them by the United States West of the Mississippi River

Route – via Nashville Tenn, Golconda, & Giradeau & Old Towns Delaware

Distance – being the average from home to home – 860 miles

Allowances

One big horse team & wagon of the largest size & driver to the same

One peck of Corn } Forage for horse per diem

Twelve pounds of Hay, or Fodder

A fraction of Salt (say 1 Gill every alternate day)

One lb of Fresh Beef, or ¾ lb of Bacon } Subsistence for head per diem including teamsters

Three quarters of a quart of Corn Meal (dry measure)

One twenty fifth of a qt Salt to every fresh Ration

Market price of Supplies upon this Route

Bacon	from 8 to 10 cts	say average	–	9 cts	per lb
F Beef	" 2 " 3½ cts	"	"	3 cts	" "
Corn	" 25 " 50 cts	"	"	40 cts	" Bush
Hay or Fodder	$1. —	"	"	100 cts	" 100 lbs
Salt	" $1 " $2	"	"	150 cts	" Bush

Ration of Subsistence from 6 to 9 cts – say Eight Cents

Per diem Expenses of Transportation

6 Horses at	1 Peck of Corn = 1½ Bush	at 40 cts per Bush	=	60 cts
6 " "	12 lbs Hay or Fodder = 72 lbs	" 1.00 cts	100 lbs	=	72 "
6 " "	½ Gill Salt = 3 Gills	" 150 cts	Bush	=	2 "
1 Wagoner "	1 Ration of Subsistence	" 8 cts	Ration	=	8 "

Amt. of Expenses of Forage & Subs. of Transp. per diem $1.42 cts

Terms of Transportation

Two Dollars per diem for Services – teams & wagoner to be subsisted & tolls & ferriages to be defrayed by U.S. on the route – the same to be commuted in returning, including per diem for Services, at Three Dollars and Fifty Cents per day.

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44 Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris
Cher. Agency 1st Oct 1834
Sends an Current & property Return for 3 qr & an estimate for 4th qr

Suggests that the various Forts be critically examined by a competent agent.

Has estimated for 500 Emigrants on commutation allowance at $18 per head

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Rec'd Oct 25

Cherokee Agency East
14 October 1834

Sir

I have the honour to enclose with this Account Current & Property Return for the 3d Quarter; also Estimate of Funds required for the 4th.

The latter is accompanied with Estimates "A" and "B" being, on the Removal of Cherokees by land. The former for the route via Golconda &c. the latter for the lower or Memphis route: these agreeably to your request, conveyed in letter to Supt of Rmvl dated 12th ult mo.

I would respectfully suggest the expediency of causing the various routes to the Western nations the resources of the Country &c to be critically examined by a competent agent as speedily as practicable; should it be the intention of the Depart. to remove the Emigrants by Canal. We have no correct information on these subjects here. In compliance with the request of the Supt I have on my Estimate

for

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Lt. J. W. Harris
Chen. Ag.cy 18th Oct 1834

Acknowledges the reception of the letter of 1st Oct. & Sp. Order No. 131.

Encloses a letter to him from Mr. Cursey.

Has consented to continue in service until the arrival of Lieut. Balemian.

enc & Cosure

Recd 1 Nov

Cherokee Agency East
13th October 1834

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 1st inst accompanied by Genl Orders No. 131. It came to hand last Evening. — This morning I received the Communication of the Superintendent of the Removal of which the Enclosed is a Copy; and in a subsequent interview with that Officer when he entered more at large into his views, & into the reasons which render my detainment for awhile desireable; I have so far yielded to his request as to consent "to continue here in the Exercise of my office at least until he can return from a contemplated tour into the Nation; and even until the arrival of Lieut Bateman should the interests of the Removal call for it.

Presuming this course will meet with the approval of my Superiors at Head Quarters

I have the honour to remain
(With the great respect
Your Obt Servt
Joseph W. Harris
Lieut. D. A. G. R

Brigr. Genl. Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Elbert
U. S. Army

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Cherokee Agency
Octr. 15th 1834

Lieut. Jos. N. Harris

Sir

I am notified by the Comm.r General of Subs.ce that you have at your own Solicitation been relieved from this Service. — As it will be a month yet before Lt. Bateman could reasonably be expected to report himself at this point, and there is a strong probability that several Cherokee families will apply for the Commutations in the mean time — being on the eve of departure for the West. I therefore hope you will find it convenient to delay your departure at least for two or three weeks in order to save the public interests from suffering, & to afford the necessary facilities to Removals.

Most Respectfully
Your friend & Obt Servt
(Signed) Benj.a F. Carey

True Copy
Jos. N. Harris
Lt. Disby Regt. U.S.R.

Envelope 49. Cherokee

S. W. Harris

Washington, 31. Decr.
1834.

Encloses a copy of letter of advice from him to Lieut. Bateman - his successor in the Cherokee Removal

Says he arrived in Washington on the 29th Inst.

Recd. 2. Jany.

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Recd 2 Jany 1835.

Washington
Decr. 31st 1834

Sir

I have the honour to enclose to you a Copy of letter of advices lately addressed by me to my Successor in the Cherokee Removal, Lieut Deas.

It was drawn upon the hasty by me previous to answering a Sudden Call that had been made by the Superintendent of the Rem.t for my presence in Council at the Head of Coosa. hoping in case Lt D. should reach the Agency before my return the perusal of it would give him an opportunity to mature in his mind the subjects touched upon therein & enable him to question me at Large in person upon all their bearings and that it might thus serve as a simple means of putting him into possession of the Summary of my Experience, & considerably facilitate my departure from that Country. — This documentary was regarded so much in the light of a mere Memento by me, that it was originally not intended for your Eye. I have since however thought that as it was official & might have its influences upon my Successor, it was proper a Copy of it should be Submitted to you. — I returned from

Coosa

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Coosa on the 30th inst. to the Agency, and left there via Nashville for this City on the 7th. inst. I arrived here on the night of the 29th. –

I have the honour to be Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Joseph M Harris

Lt Dragoons

Brig. Genl. Geo. Gibson

Commy. Genl. Sub. W. D.

U. S. Army

Lt. Harris's letter to Lt. Bateman

filed with Cherokee papers

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Emig 48. Cherokee

Lt. J. W. Harris
Cher. Agcy East 12 Nov. '34

Sends Abst. of disbursements to Oct.

A few Ind: families are daily expected at the Agency on their way west on Commutation allowance

He will continue in service till the arrival of his Successor.

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Recd. Nov. 24th.

Cherokee Agency East
12th Novr. 1834

Sir

I have the honour to Cover with this Abstract of my disbursements for the Month of October.

A few Cherokee families are daily expected in here on their way to the Western Nations, who will require the Commutation allowance.

I shall continue in the Exercise of my duties until they are disposed of, or until the arrival of Lieut. Bateman. —

With very great regard
I have the honour to be, Sir
Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
Joseph M. Harris
Lieut. Disby Agt.
Cherokee Reg.

Brig Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comm. Genl. Subs.
U. S. Army

Cherokee Removal

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Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies

October 1834

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Rec'd Nov 24

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the Cherokee Removal for the Month of October 1834 by Sl M Harris Disbursing Agent.

Dates	To whom Paid	For what Paid	Dollars	Cents
1834				
2d October	J M C Montgomery	Enrolling & Cpp 3 Agents	150	00
7th "	John Hendricks	Bringing funds from Nashville	10	00
10th "	Lay Hicks	Expenses as Interpreter	11	25
15th "	John Ross	Ferriages & S Wagons	8	00
16th "	Joseph & Foreman	Interpreters	30	00
20th "	M Harris Sd	Transportation to & from Nashville	30	00
25th "	A R S Henderson	Ferriages & S. Wagons	7	00
31st "	Joel Guess	Enrolling Agents	184	00
		Amt	$430	25

I certify that the above Abstract is just & true according to Vouchers now in my possession

Cherokee Agency East
1st Nov 1834

Joseph M Harris
Sd Disbg Agent
Cherokee Rem.t

We the undersigned Cherokees being on the eve of removing to the Western Cherokee ~~Arkansas~~ Nation do acknowledge to have received at the Cherokee Agency East this day of 1834 of Disbursing Agent the sums set opposite our respective Names & Signatures below in full of the Commutation allowed by the United States to subsist and transport ourselves and families thither: being at the rate of Eighteen Dollars per head for Each and Every One of us.

Roll of the Strength of Families shewing their respective Heads	Amount	Signatures of the Heads of Families &c	Signatures of Witnesses
	Dollars		
Ezekiel Starr - of a family of Twenty persons -	360	Ezekiel Starr	Mr. Davis
Total Amount -	$		

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1834 J-V Cherokee

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13. C. Thos

C. M. Robinson

28th December 1834.

Enclosing Power of Attorney

Joel Yancey.

Received

FREE

Nov. 1911

George Gibson

Subscribing Witness

City of W

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Rec'd Jany 29 1834

If you have no use for the power please return it)

Dear Genl

Date 28 Jan 1834

I now enclose to you the power of attorney of Joel Yancy — without delay please make arrangements to have the money as it becomes due deposited in the Bk of Metropolis, as Col Lyon & myself are bound to the Br. Bk of the U. States here for Maj. Yancy for near 1500 $ and the Bank here has agreed to advance or loan us 1000 $ on the Bk of the Metropolis [redacted] so as to keep the [redacted] soon as you have made the arrangement let me know as we stand in need of the loan promised. Sincerely yours.

R. M. Johnson

Genl George Gibson

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Cherokee nef.

R. M. Johnson
J. C. Lyon
Wash. Dec. 19. 1834

They wish to know at what time Joel Yancey began to receive his pay & that the same may be retained for them as they have a power of Attorney to receive it.

Dec. 22 1834
Subsistence Appr.

Filed
Sec. of War
Eng. 27 N

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Replied 22 Dec

19th Oct 1834

Dear Sir

We wish to know at what time Jos C Yancy began to receive — and by what power the Government of Texas is indebted to account — that the same request should be retained till called for by us, we have a power to receive his pay to discharge a debt to the Bk of the U. States for which we are responsible.

Do what is his pay

Yours

Chas Johnson

Gideon Lyon

Inclosure 66 Cherokee

Capt. Wm L. M'Clintock

Fort Preble 7th Feby

1834

Relative to Mr Cheatham's

Contract for the Rem.l of

Indians.

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Recd 15 Feby

Fort Pickle

February 7. 1834

Sir,

Lieut. Harris, Agent for the Removal of Cherokees, writes me under date of 18th Ult., that Mr. L. P. Cheatham of Nashville has challenged the right of the U. States to enter into any new Contract for the transportation of Cherokees by Steam, claiming the exclusive right to himself to transport them, by virtue of Articles of Agreement made with me as Agent of the U. States, on the 2d of April 1832 — and he requests me to communicate to your department my impressions of the present validity of those Articles of Agreement.—

Upon due consideration, I think I cannot better comply with the desire of Lieut. Harris than by referring you to my letter, the Commissy. Gen. of Subsistence, which was enclosed with the copy of the Articles furnished his Department — and which contains, a full explanation of the views of the signers of the Contract at that time, and by which it will be seen, that the grant of such a right as is now claimed by Mr. Cheatham was expressly refused.— I am, Sir respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. M. Chinoweth

Emmy Ebenezer

H. M. Tommers
Sept. 1834

Relative to his ap-
pay. & mileages due
G. & S. Agency
Letter

action part.

Respectfully referred
for the direction of C.G.S.
as to the disposal of the
balance for improvements

Off

1834

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Referred Oct 13

Cherokee Agency 30th Sept 1834

Sir

Enclosed I send you an abstract for the payment of the arrearages due to the Officers of this Agency and for the first and second quarter salarys of the Agent and Interpreters for the current year. And an Estimate for the third and fourth quarters. And an account current and have to request that my account with the Treasury be brought up as soon as the convenience of the Office of that Department will permit. as this Agency closes on the 31st Decr next it is very important with me that I should at that time have a final settlement with the Government. — I have yet on hand of the appropriation of the 20th April 1832. to the pay for improvements on the Ceded lands $244 which there is no prospect that any of it will ever be called for as the people are either dead and forgotten or mismanned so as that they are not to be found. — Will you please to direct what disposition shall be made of it.

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
H Montgomery

Hon Elbert Herring
Comr Ind Affrs
Washington City

Ennis 95 Cherokee

Lt. W. Stanwell
Cher. nation West
April 1st 1834
Requesting to be permitted
to have blanks printed

(C. G.)

Washington City
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Commodore Spencer & Subscribers

Filed
April 1834

Lt. W. Stanwell
Cher. Nation West
April 1834

Recd 14 May

Cherokee Nation, West.
Office of Dep'y Agt. 1st April, 1834.

Sir,

But few of the Blanks, furnished me in June 1832, from your Office, remain on hand; and permission is requested, to have such as I require, printed, in case they cannot be forwarded to me.

Very respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt.
M. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army
Dep'y Agt &c, Cherokees, West.

To
Brgdr. Genl. George Gibson
Comy. Genl. Subs.
Washington City
(D. C.)

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Lt. M. Scarvell's
Estimate
4th Qr. 1834

Recd Apl 21. 1834

Lt. Scarvell estimates that he has on hand 31 March $12,796.75. This amt. is amply sufficient for two quarters' Subsistence; so that he will want no money until his 3d quarter's remittance is made E.

Estimate of Funds required in the removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians, for the quarter ending 30th June 1834, with the application, in detail, intended to be made of them, by Lieut. Washington Seawell, U. S. Army, Dsbg Agt &c, Cherokees West.

For 547,500 Rations of Corn @ 3½¢ per Ration	$19.162	50
" 547,500 do Fresh Beef @ 5¢ do.	27.375	00
" 547,500 do. Salt @ 1/5¢ do.	1.095	00
" Compensation for Disbursing Agent	183	00
" Hire of 3 Assistants	341	25
" Building 3 Corn Cribs @ $25 each	75	00
	$48.231	75
Deduct amount estimated to remain on hand	12.796	75
Amount required	$35.435	00

W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army.
Dsbg Agt &c, Cherokees West.

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Cherokee Agency Jan. 28. 1834.

Sir,

About fifteen hundred Cherokees have signified their willingness to Emigrate, from five to seven hundred are yet expected to enroll making the supposed number who have and will enroll to go this season about two thousand.

Of this number about five hundred will receive the Commutation allowance, and undertake to remove themselves either by land or water.

Perhaps five hundred will refuse to go this season by desertion &c, deduct this latter number from the number actually enrolled and those whom it is confidently expected will enroll hereafter to go this season, and the result is that fifteen hundred will report themselves at the Western Agency by the middle of April next for subsistence.

Nearly all these have expressed a desire to receive money in lieu of the years rations, and furnish themselves, as they may not be located convenient to the Agency for a long time after their arrival.

Of the provisions necessary to be made by you, for the reception of these emigrants you will be able to form the most accurate conclusion

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judging from the above assumed facts, and your past experience with those who have gone heretofore.

As soon as a muster roll can be completed you may expect to be furnished with a copy, either by mail or through the hands of Lt. Harris who will accompany the Emigration.

Very Respectfully
Your Mo: obt: Svt
(Signed) Bn: F. Currey Capt.
Cherokee Emigration

S. W. Seawell
Disbursing Agent &c.

Comg P.O. Cherokee

Lt. W. Seawell

Cherokee Nation West

April 1st 1834

Encloses acct for 1st 1834 - 1500 Cher. will arrive about 15th April - Contracts have been made lower than was expected - Beef at $3 73 3/4/100 Cents per Ration & Complete Ration 6 84 1/8/100 Cents.

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Rec. 14 May

Cherokee Nation, West.
Office of Dsb'g Ag't, 1st April 1834.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith, are my accounts &c. for the 1st Quarter of 1834.

Reports from Mr. Curry and Lieut. Harris, received by me about the 1st of March last, state, that about 1500 Cherokee emigrants, will be here, by the middle of the present month.— "Contracts, for the subsistence of these Indians, have been given, and much lower, than was expected, at the time my estimate for funds, for their subsistence, was forwarded.— The Beef is to be furnished at $3\frac{73\frac{3}{4}}{100}$ cents per ration, Corn, at $2\frac{98}{100}$ cents per ration, and salt, at $12\frac{3}{8}$ cents, per hundred rations; making the complete ration, at $6\frac{848}{100}$ cents per ration." The Bids &c. will be forwarded, as soon as the Contractors give the security required, for which purpose, they have asked to be indulged a few days.

W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army.
Dsb'g Ag't &c, Cherokees West.

To
Brig'r. Genl. George Gibson
Com'y. Genl. of Sub'ce.
Washington City
(D. C.)

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Nashville Tenn: 5th Feby 1834

Sir,

I have the honor to advise You that transportation has been required of me by the Supt. of the Cherokee removal for 1200 Emigrants from their homes, to the mouths of the Salisaw, Illinois, and Grand Rivers –

These will be embarked upon the Tennessee River about the 1st proximo, will take Steam transportation at the foot of the Muscle Shoals about the 10th of March, and no accidents opposing, will probably reach their ultimate destinations from the 20th to 25th same month.

I shall calculate to subsist the above to from 5 to 7 days after their arrival at their respective points of debarcation.

In addition to the above it is estimated that from three to five hundred Cherokees will transport themselves.

These together with the greater part of the others will probably prefer Commutation for the Years rations allowed them after their arrival in Arkansas.

I have the honor to be Sir
Most Respectfully
Your Obt: Servant
(Signed) Joseph H. Harris
Lt: Dist'g. Agent. Cherokee Removal

Lt: W. Seawell
Dist'g Agent
Cherokees West

"Duplicate"

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Rec'd Aug't.

Cherokee Nation ~~Nov.~~
Office of Sub'g Ag't, 6th July 1835.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 22nd of May. Upon direct, that I inform your office of my arrangements for the performance of my duties, "that is, the time, manner and places of issuing and every other thing relating to this matter";- and also, to report, "not only as respects the Creeks but other tribes, what effect a large emigration to the neighbourhood of Fort Gibson, for several successive years, would have upon the prices of provisions."

Previous to the arrival of the late emi=
=grants, it was thought, that nearly all of them, on account of health, would settle North of the Salison, a tributa=
=ry stream of the Arkansas River; and my proposals for furnishing rations, stated, at the request of Capt. Vashon, that there would be three Depots north of the Salison, where the deliveries would be made;- one, on or near the Barren Fork of the Illinois, not exceeding ten miles West of the Territory of Arkansas;- one at the Forks of the Illinois River, and one at a point on Grand River, near the Union Mission.- These Depots are distant from each other thirty and forty five miles.- As was supposed, the emigrants, generally, have settled North of the Salison, and the issues are now made at the above mentioned Depots, to such as

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wish to receive their rations. – There are no particular days of issue: – as the emigrants settle themselves, they report and receive their provisions. – There are some who say they will not receive their provisions. – They report that Mr. Curry promised, that as soon as they arrived here, they should receive $32 $\frac{50}{100}$ each, for their years' rations, in case they preferred doing so, and that they want money and not rations. – Lieut. Harris, says, that Mr. Curry made this promise to some. – The Beef part of the ration, the emigrants, prefer in stock cattle, which the contractor issues in lieu of Beef; – and to save trouble and expence, I have authorized the issues of Meat to be made for the whole year, and corn for six months. – This you authorized me to do, in your letter of the 17th of October 1832. – By the expiration of the present month, I expect to complete the issues of meat and salt for twelve months, and corn for six months.

The Cherokee and Creeks, and people of Washington County (A.T.), have been informed of the probability of a large emigration of Indians to this country, in the course of the coming fall and winter; and they have in consequence of it, gone more extensively to the making of corn, than ever before; – the season has been unusually favourable, and the prospects of good crops of corn throughout the whole country, was never better. – As long as the people can be assured of a market for their corn, there will always be large crops made. – Should the emigration

continue for several successive years, Beef will become scarce. – If large quantities of Beef should be required, it would have to be furnished by the citizens of Arkansas. Lieut. Carter, has, for the last week, been offering a contract at 5½ cents a pound for the supply of Fresh Beef, to be delivered on the Hoof, at the Posts recently established on the Red Fork and Little River. – In a letter he received yesterday from Mr. Hill, who resides in the Creek Nation, and who agreed to take the contract for the Red Fork, he is thus informed: "The cattle I expected to get, are all sold, and I dont think the number that you require, could be had in the Creek nation, for any price."

I would recommend that the emigration of Indians to this country, should always take place in the fall of the year, and never in the spring. – The fall is the most healthy season to emigrate. – The emigrants would then have time to make a crop before the year for which the Government feeds them expires. – Emigrating as they have done in the spring, they have never been able to make a crop until the year after they arrived, and they have always been obliged to purchase their provisions for Six Months at least. – In the fall also, every thing is cheaper than at any other season, and from twenty five to fifty per cent, would be saved to the Government, in the purchase of Rations. – I understand, that as a reason for

for emigrating in the Spring, much was saved to the Government on account of the transportation of the emigrants in Steam Boats up the Arkansas River, the water being too low in the fall for Boats to ascend. - Should the Government save by the transportation of the emigrants in Steam Boats, (which I do not believe myself) it is nothing when compared with the increased cost of the ration in the Spring season. - I believe the most economical way of emigrating Indians, is by land.

I would recommend, that instead of having Contractors, let the Disbursing Agent purchase the rations in the Country at the places they are required, and issue to the Indians. - Much would be saved to the Government by furnishing the Indians in that way, and the Indians themselves, would be better satisfied. - As regards the Cherokees, I earnestly recommend, that with such as can be entrusted with their money, commute the ration with them; and with such as can not, issue to them for the whole year at once. - The Government, I do not believe, will ever be called on to feed the Cherokees. -

With much respect,
I am Sir,
Your Obd't Svt.
W. Seawell
Lieut. U. S. Army -
Dsb'g Ag't-s, Cherokees West.

To
Brgdr. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comy. Genl. of Sbc.
Washington City
(D. C.)

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Emig 109 Cherokee

Lt. W. Seawell

Cherokee Nation West
July 6th 1834

Has rec.d the letter of 22d May

Has authorized the issuing of the whole year's rations of meat in stock, and corn for six months –

The Cherokee and other persons are endeavouring to raise large crops of corn – should the Emigration continue several years beef will become scarce –

Recommends that [illegible] be made in the Fall – and that rations be issued for the whole year, or be commuted

Emig 110 Cherokee

L. W. Seawell
Cherokee Nation West July
21st 1834 — He will make
up his ans before the end
of July &c

Fort Gibson
June 25

Free

Emigration of Indians.

Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington City
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Rec'd 25 aug.

Cherokee Nation West.
Office of Disb'g Ag't,
21st July 1834.

Sir,

Your letter directing me to be relieved from duty as Disbursing Agent to the Western Cherokees, by Lieut. S. Van-Horne of the 3rd Infy. is received. — I shall endeavour to make up my accounts, and remit them, both for the last quarter and up to the present time, before the expiration of the present month.

Very respectfully
Your Obd't Serv't
R. Sewell
Lieut. U. S. Army
Dis'g Ag't &c. Cherokees
West.

To
Brevet Gen'l. George Gibson
Com'g Gen'l. of Subs'
Washington City
(D.C.)

Emig 118. Cherokee

Lt. W. Seawell
Fort Gibson
Aug. 27th 1834

He has turned over the Books properly &c to Lt. Van Horne

Enclosing sundry documents explanatory of his conduct in the Service &c.

6 inclosures

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Rec'd 6 Oct

Fort Gibson, August 27th 1834.

Sir,

In obedience to your order of the 18th of June last, I have transferred to Lieut. J. Van Horne, all the funds, Books &c, appertaining to the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokees. In apprising you of this, it becomes my duty to communicate certain circumstances connected with Lieut. Van Horne's entering upon the duties of his new appointment. — and in doing so, I entirely discard personal feeling, simply and freely stating facts, leaving his conduct for your construction and such comment as your judgement awards.

Previous to turning over the papers to Lieut. Van Horne he informed me "that he had the power to dismiss any contractors," and from his conduct recently, I have cause to believe that he intends to dismiss the Beef and Corn Contractors, employed by me to supply the Cherokees. I endeavored in the most frank and friendly manner to convince Lieut. Van Horne, that his impressions were erroneous — that by the conditions of the contract with these contractors, he could do no more in case of a failure to supply the contract at the times specified, than furnish the deficiency himself, and hold the contractor liable for any losses sustained to the Government by such failure. Notwithstanding this explanation of the contracts, which from their spirit and letter are clear and definite, Lieut. Van Horne lost no time in carrying into effect his

intention

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intention of finding fault with one of the contractors — and on the 9th instant I received a letter on the subject from Jacob Funkhouser, a son and agent of the contractor for furnishing corn — a copy of which is enclosed, marked A. To this letter I immediately replied, a copy of which is enclosed, marked B. Mr. Funkhouser then called upon Lieut. Van Horne and requested that he would accompany him to my quarters to have an understanding — they found me at Gov. Stokes' Office. I again endeavored to explain the contract to Lieut. Van Horne — I told him, that in my notice for receiving proposals, it was stated, that, "in order that bids might not be made under wrong impressions, it was made known that thirty-two quarts dry measure would be received to the bushel." I at the same time offered to send him a copy of the notice, under which the contracts were made. He replied that he "would not receive thirty two quarts dry measure", but would compel the contractor to furnish forty quarts. — I told him he could not possibly require such measure, and finding him determined to demand forty quarts to the bushel, I explained to him that the bid for furnishing corn, was $2 $\frac{98}{100}$ per hundred rations, and the contractor could decline in future under the contract, and settle with him Lieut. Van Horne, according to the bid, which amounted to the same thing, being $1 $\frac{27}{100}$, and a small fraction of a cent per bushel. But Lieut. Van Horne obstinately refused to be governed by this estimate, and persisted in requiring the forty quarts to be furnished to the bushel.

It may be proper to inform you that the Disbursing Agent will require very little more corn to be issued before the new crop is gathered. It is supposed that corn will then be low, as the crops are very fine. — At the time this contract was let, corn was very scarce and high — and if I had not promised that not more than six months delivery would be required before the new crop, I believe the contract could not have been taken under $1 50/100 per bushel, if so low. Thus far the corn contractor has not, according to his own report, made one dollar, and I believe he states the truth. It is known to me that he paid upwards of one dollar per bushel for several hundred bushels of the corn that he has delivered. Add to this, his own services and those of his son, with the exposure to which they are subject, in riding through the country at this sickly season, and you will readily perceive, that the corn contractor is not a proper object upon whom to exercise the power and influence of office.

In defining the powers vested in him by virtue of his office, Lieut. Van Horne, informed Mr. Funkhouser, the younger, on the 9th instant, that he could, (to use his own language) "require his Father to make a delivery of Corn at Cox's near the Military road, by 10 O'clock to morrow." Whereas the notice for receiving proposals, stated expressly, that "ten days notice would be given previous to the date of each delivery." This proviso, however, was not inserted in the contract, as I did not think of it at the time of closing it, but I always considered myself bound by the conditions published

published in my notice for proposals. — Besides, Mr. Cox's is nearer thirty than twenty miles from either of the Depots. On the same day of the above verbal communication, Lieut. Van Horne made a requisition, in writing, on the corn contractor, a copy of which I enclose marked C. This appears to me to be a singular document. Lieut. Van Horne seems to think that it is the duty of the contractor to know what number of emigrants reside within the range of country, named in this requisition, and if he does not find out the number and issue accordingly, I presume Lieut. Van Horne will consider it a forfeiture of the contract, and dismiss the contractor. "Mackey's Crib" is no Depot: I never established one there, nor has Lieut. Van Horne. And it is not a proper place for a Depot. — If Lieut. Van Horne wishes to establish other Depots than those already in existence, he can do so, provided he selects a place within twenty miles of the Depots already established. I do not know the distance from Mackeys to the nearest Depot, but I am well convinced that a Depot could not be advantageously established there. In making a delivery of corn at Mackey's, it will cost the contractor at the present price, fifty cents per bushel for transportation, when he could make a delivery at a point much more convenient to the emigrants, at less than half that amount for transportation. — It appears to me that Lieut. Van Horne does not seriously believe or wish that the contractor would obey this requisition — and upon his refusal, will be based

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the pretext for his dismissal. — Besides the inconvenience to the emigrants of a Depot at "Mackey's Crib", the road from their settlements to this point is so bad, that I verily believe there are but few who would go there to receive their rations.

In transferring my papers to Lieut. Van Horne, I considered it my duty to make known to him the character of the Contractors he had to deal with, so far as my knowledge extended. The Beef Contractor, had, on two occasions, failed in delivering the quantity I required; but as neither the Indians nor the Government suffered on this account, I overlooked the failure, and gave the Contractor a few more days to complete his deliveries. I cautioned Lieut. Van Horne, and advised him to be strict with Mr. Mackey, the Beef Contractor. He replied by saying, he "believed he would dismiss him". In answer to the difficulties I pointed out, in attempting such dismissal, he said, he "had the power to dismiss a contractor, and he had already exercised such power." — Now, if even the terms of the Contracts with the two Contractors admitted the right in the Disbursing Officer to dismiss them, Lieut. Van Horne could not, under the peculiar circumstances of this case, be justified by the Government, in availing himself of such power. — From Maj Cuesy's & Lieut. Harris' Reports, (Copies of which I enclose to you) I calculated on subsisting at least 1500 Emigrants, and at the time of receiving these reports, Corn was one dollar per bushel at this place, and very scarce. — This high price of Corn, is owing to the freshet of last year, in the Arkansas River, of which

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I informed you in my letter of the 12th of July 1833. In my "notice for proposals," I directed the "bids" for supplying the Cherokees "to be made for the component parts of the ration." – A copy of this notice, I enclose for your examination. Believing that there were persons who might furnish Corn, that could not furnish Beef, – and also those who could furnish Beef, that had no Corn, caused me to let the contracts out in this way, in order to prevent speculators from taking the contract, as none could supply Beef and Corn, as low as those who raised the Beef and made the Corn. – There were among the bids I received, two, accompanied with a request, that if their proposals for furnishing the whole ration could not be accepted, they would not receive part of it, alleging as a reason, that they "could not make it a profitable business, or worth attending to, unless they received the whole ration." This, had the contract been let out differently from the mode I adopted, I have no doubt, but that it would have amounted to eight cents a ration, if not more. Capt. Vashon, and several other gentlemen, spoke to me on the subject of supplying the Cherokees prior to making the contract, and they were of opinion, on account of the great scarcity of Corn and the distance of transporting it to the Depots, that it could not be taken under ten cents a ration.

I have recently learnt that Lieut. Van Horne has been pursuing a course toward me, since his succession to the office of Disbursing Agent to the Cherokees, which I conceive to be highly improper. – I am informed, that he has been endeavoring to

clandestinely, to ascertain from contractors and others in my employment, the manner in which I conducted my business. To me, (I am told) he said, that Lieut Scawen had his business badly wound up — that he had disappointed him (Lieut. Van Horne) several times in turning over the papers — and that he (Lieut. Van Horne) had never been in any business that he could not have turned over all his papers in fifteen minutes. — In a conversation with another, (I am told) he said, that Lieut Scawen had managed his business badly, and if his conduct was reported to the Secretary of War, he would be reprimanded." At the same time, he requested the person not to mention what he had said to me.

I am entirely at a loss to account for this conduct in Lieut. Van Horne. The relations we bore to each other as brother officers, should have pointed out the propriety to him, of calling upon me, in the first instance, for information, respecting "the manner I transacted business." and I would have afforded him "all the information" in my possession, most cheerfully. But it appears he has selected another course, and I am left to pursue mine, which I will endeavor to do, in the manner best comporting, in my opinion, with the honor and credit of our government. I think I scarcely need to say to you, that I could not have turned over the papers to Lieut. Van Horne sooner than I did. The transfer was unexpected to me, and I could not have prepared for such an event, except at the end of a quarter. I have made.

made a requisition, before I was notified of being relieved, on the contractors for a number of rations, and most of the deliveries had already been made. It was necessary, therefore, that I should make all these issues, to enable me to certify on the proper abstracts, that the issues had been made. Lieut. Van Horne could certainly not have certified to the issues of all the rations delivered upon my requisition, when but a very small portion were left to be issued under his superintendence.

I have not enquired into the cause of my removal from the Office of Disbursing Agent to the Cherokees, and if any reasons have existed in your mind, indicating the change, I have received no intimation of them. It may be, however, that the extraordinary course adopted by Lieut. Van Horne, is predicated upon the presumption, that some cause exists for my being relieved. He will, however, find his conduct cannot pass with impunity. I am conscious of having faithfully performed my duties, and will not tamely suffer any imputation to be cast upon my official conduct.

With much respect,
I am Sir,
Your Obt. Servt.
W. Leavell
Lieut. 7th Inf.

To
Brgdr. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington City
(D.C.)

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Fort Gibson
Aug: 9th 1834.

Sir / Lieut: Van Horne wants my father to deliver forty Quarts of Corn to the bushel under the Contract he made with You for furnishing the Cherokees, And he wants me to say whether or not forty Quarts will be furnished in future, instead of thirty two Quarts dry measure.—

I have never heard that forty Quarts was a bushel, but if it is, and You say so I suppose my father will Consent to deliver it as Lieut Van Horne requires, being Satisfied that You will not do injustice to my father in Your decision.—

I am Yours with Respect
(Signd) A. Funk Houser

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Fort Gibson
9th August 1834.

Sir/

In reply to Your letter of this date, informing me, that Lieut: Van Horne wishes Your father to deliver forty quarts of Corn to the bushel, instead of thirty two Quarts dry measure, and requesting me to say whether or not forty Quarts is a bushel, I have to state, that You probably did not understand Lieut: Van Horne, as I do not think, that he would wish Your father to do more than his Contract with me, required of him. In my notice for Proposals, I stated, in order that it might be perfectly understood by all Persons bidding that I would require thirty two quarts dry measure to be delivered to the bushel. — The measure of such Corn as Your father has delivered under our Contract has been such as I required, and I am satisfied, that when Lt Van Horne receives a delivery from Your father, he will not require more. Lieut: Van Horne may mean Wine measure, and if he does, he is mistaken as to the number of Quarts to a Bushel, dry measure, of nearly three quarts. — The half bushel measure at this Post, which I understand is a Seal measure will not contain more than about thirty six

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Quarts nine measure, this I know having used it several times in measureing Corn for my own use.

Lt: Van Horne cannot require Your father to deliver forty Quarts of Corn to the bushel.

You had better see Lt: Van Horne again, and request him to call with You at my Quarters.— I think I can satisfy him that he is wrong.—

Very Respectfully
Yours &c

To/
Mr. Jacob Funkhouser
Fort Gibson

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Fort Gibson 9th August 1834.

Mr Henry Funkhouser.

I wish you to furnish sufficient corn at Mackey's Crib to supply those emigrants living at or near Mackey's Thornton's Dwight & mouth of Illinois who have not yet been supplied with corn, as soon as possible.

(Signed) J. Van Horne U.S.A.
Dis. Agt.

Emig 119. Cherokee

Lt. W. Seawell
Fort Gibson
Aug. 28th 1834

Enclosing returns of provisions issued in May & June 1834

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Rec'd & Ans'd

Post Gibson, 28th August, 1834.

Sir,

Enclosed are a few Provision Return issued on in May and June, which I omitted forwarding by the last Mail, — The Corn purchased in the 2nd Quarter of this year at 50 and 75 Cents a bushel, was purchased last fall & Winter for those emigrants who came on last year.

With much respect.

I am Sir

Your Obd.t Servt.

R. Stanwell

Lieut.t 7th Infy.

To

Brevet Genl. George Gibson

Comg. Genl. of Subs.

Washington City

(D.C.)

Emig 120. Cherokee

Lt. W. Seawell

Fort Gibson

Aug. 27th 1834

Sends his acts for
2qr. 1834 & his acts up to
20th Aug. and the contracts
bids &c for supplying the
Cherokee Emigrants

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Rec'd Oct 6

Fort Gibson, August 27th, 1834.

Sir,

By this mail, you will receive my accounts &c, for the 2nd Quarter of the present year, my accounts &c, up to the 20th instant, and the Contracts, bids &c, for supplying the Cherokee Emigrants.

The Pork reported on hand, Lieut. Van Horne says, he will receipt for when he visits the Cherokee Agency. It was stored at that place when I received it of Capt. Vashon, and the Indians having refused to receive it, is the reason it is still on hand. As soon as Lieut. Van Horne furnishes me with a receipt for the Pork, it will be forwarded to you.

It may be proper to inform you that the Depots, where the provisions are required to be delivered, for the subsistence of the Cherokees, were established by Capt Vashon, the Agent, he being the only person authorised to establish Depots, should more than one be required. (See Art. VII. Sect. VI. "Regulations concerning the Removal of the Indians.)

I enclose to you Capt. Vashon's letter of the 12th of May last, which will explain to you, why Wagons &c, were hired, for the transportation of Corn for the Emigrants.

With much respect,

I am Sir,

Your Obdt. Svt.

W. Seawell

Lieut. 7th Infy.

To

Brgdr. Genl. George Gibson

Comy. Genl. of Sbd.

Washington City

(D.C.)

Copy of Lt. Leavitt's

Notice for Proposals

for delivery of subs. to Cherokees

West — dated March 1834

Rec'd 6. Oct 1834

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Proposals.

Separate Proposals, in writing, and sealed, will be received, by the Subscriber, until One O'clock, P. M. of Monday, the 31st Inst., for furnishing and delivering 547. 500 Indian Rations, in the Cherokee Country, west of the Territory of Arkansas, at the following Points, where Depots will be established Viz:

1st. – Near the Forks of the Illinois. – 2d On or near the Barren Fork of the Illinois, not exceeding ten miles west of the Territory of Arkansas. 3d at a Point on Grand River near the Union Mission.

The privilege of increasing or diminishing the number of Rations above designated, one third, or any number less than one third, twenty days notice being given prior to the date of such increase or diminution. – And also of having Rations delivered at Points within twenty miles of the Depots, is reserved.

The first delivery will be required to be made sometime in the next Month. – Subsequent deliveries will be required from time to time until the whole is called for. – Previous to the date of each delivery, ten days notice will be given.

The Rations as above named, must

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Proposal

Lieut. W. Seawell
Distributing Agent for
Cherokees West

I propose to furnish the quantity of Salt that may be required to fill all the rations for the Emigrating Cherokees at the different Depots as per advertisement bearing date March 8th 1834

ninety nine cents per bushel C. J. Johnson

Mr. Johnson could not give security
B. Lewis
Lt. 7th Infy

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Proposals

Lt. W. Seawell
Ms. Dist. Agt. for the West
Fort Gibson

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Cherokee Station March 25th 1844

To. Lt. W. Seawell
U.S. Dist. Agt. for the West

Sir; I will furnish to the Emigrant Cherokees at the Depot on the Fork of the Illinois, the Canew fork of the Illinois and at the Depot near the Union Mission the complete number of Rations required in your proposals of 8th Inst. at seven cents nine and a half mills pr Ration

Joseph Rogers.

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Proposals. —
Lt. W. Seawell
Ass. Insp. Genl. of the Western
F. H. Gibson

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Vineyard Washington County
March 25th 1844

To A. W. Seawell
U.S. Dist. Agt
Cher Wat.

Sir

I will furnish to the Emigrant Choctaws at the different Agencies at the Forks of the Illinois, the Barren Fork of the Illinois and at the Agency near the Union Mission the number of Rations of Corn required in your proposals of 8th Inst at three cents per Ration, Beef at four cents and a half per Ration, and Salt at one and a half Mills per Ration —

Lewis Evans

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Lieut. Sewel

Proposals for the
Cherokee contract

Proposals for furnishing the
Emigrating Cherokees with Salt.
I will furnish the Salt at $1.99½ cts
pr. bushel at any Point designated

March 29th 1834 Thos. L. Rogers

Lieut Snelle

Dear Sir if this Bid is not
wrote in form if I get the Contract
I hope you will not object in
Consequence of it not being in form
I can give mr Douglas for my security

yours Respectfully

Thos. L. Rogers

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Fort Gibson 31 March 1834

Sir.

I will furnish the number of Rations of Fresh beef at the Several Depots in the Cherokee nation west as required by your notice at two Dollars & 99 cts per Hundred. Yours Respectfully

Saml Checkley

To
Lieut. R. Clowers
Subsp. Agt Cherokee nat
Fort Gibson

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Proposals

Lieut. Seawell
Hart Gibson

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Fort Gibson 31st March, 1834,

Sir

We will furnish the number of Rations of Corn in the Cherokee Country West as required by your notice at two dollars and ninety-eight Cents per hundred Rations and the number of Rations of fresh Beef at Three Cents and 75/100 per Ration

I am very Respectfully &c.

Your most obt. Serv't.

To Lieut W. Seawell
D. Dis. Agent
Cherokees West

John Gordon

Henry Farnsworth

Proposals

Lieut Seawell

Capt Gibson

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Fort Gibson March 31 1834

Dear Sir

Sir I agree to furnish agreeable to advertisement the rations to be issued to the Cherokee Indians at Fort Gibson at the rate of Beef alone

George Douglas

Proposals

Lieut Seawell

Disbursing Agent
Choctaw Removal

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Fort Gibson March 31st 1834

I will furnish the quantity of Beef specified in the your advertisement for Proposals, at four cents and nine mills per ration the corn at four cents four mills per ration Salt at three mills and a half per ration

Lieut Deawell
Disbursing agent
Cherokee removal

Lucas Bigelow

Proposal to the
Disbursing Agent
Lieut. Swell
Cherokee Removal

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Dear Sewell

Sir I will furnish and deliver at the Jneral Depot, named in the Advertisement the Beef & the Salt Pork, of the 5 Ly. 5.00 Jnacion Ration at the following Rates, viz,

For Beef, per Ration 3 Cents, 7½ mills,

For Salt Pork per Ration 3 Cents or 3 ½ mills,

March the 31st Aug 1814

Jno G. Stuart

Proposals &c

Lieut W. Seawell
Asst Q Agent & Contr
Fort Gibson

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Lt. W. Seawell
Asst. Q. Agent &c

Sir I will furnish the Amount of Rations required in your Advertisement of the 8th Inst, and in accordance thereto, at the following rates. Viz Beef at 5 cts per ration Corn at 2½ Cents per ration, and Salt ½ at Cents per ration

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt Servt
Jno W. Flowers

March 31st 1834
Fort Gibson

Mr. Flowers declined taking the contract for furnishing Corn.
W. Lawde
1st Lieut.

Letter

R. J. VanHorn

Creek Agency West.

July 22d 1834.

Sends his Acct. Current for 2d qr 1834.

Has informed Lt Seatwell of his being relieved from Indn Service

Rec.d 28th Aug.t

Sir

Creek Agency West 22 July 1834.

I enclose my Account current & for 2nd quarter of 1834.

I received by the last mail, (on the 15th July,) yours of 19th June, directing me to relieve Lieut Seawell. Col. Many, Commanding at Fort Gibson received an order by the same mail relieving Lieut. Seawell from duty in your dept. and requiring him to join his company without delay. I repaired to Fort early on the morning after the mail arrived, (16th) and called on Lieut. Seawell to relieve him. I shewed to him that part of your letter directing me to relieve him. He informed me that by the same mails he had also received instructions from you to turn over the funds & to me. He said to me that he would not be prepared to be relieved until the end of the present month. I know of no necessity for this delay; yet I thought it indelicate and improper in me to urge the matter any further than to notify the Commanding Officer that I was directed to relieve him. I have thought it proper to inform you of this.

Respy. your humble servt.
J. Vanderburgh
D.C. Agt.

Coms. Gen. Inds.

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Comm. 30 Cherokee

Letter

Lt. John Van Horne

Creek Agency Aug. 12

1834 —

Lt. Seawell has not yet turned over to him — Some Indians have rec.d no corn — some no beef, & but few, any salt.

The supplies are often transported at the expense of Gov.t to the residence of Emigrants.

Speaks of a misunderstanding between him & contractor as to the bushel measure for corn &c.

Copy of the Contractor's bill filed w. Enclosure

Not respectfully Sir
your humble obt Servt
J. Vn Horne
Dist. Agent Cherokees

Gen. Geo. Gibson, Com. Gen. Sub.

all of them.

Sir Rec'd 15 Sept

Creek Agency Nest, 12 Augt 1834

One month ago when I received yours directing me to relieve Lieut. Seawell; he said he would be ready to turn over to me at the end of July: at which time I called on him again; and have been put off from day to day ever since. He has not yet, and I know not when he will; - He says probably in a week or ten days. What necessity or object he can have for this delay, is not for me to judge. I have just obtained from him a muster roll of emigrants, shewing what issues have been made. Until I received this I have not thought it proper to interfere in the least. By this roll it appears that of the 812 emigrants, 175 have received no corn; the remainder have received for half a year. 925 have received no beef and 507 have received the years supply. Only 101 have received any salt. In addition the contractor says that one years supply of beef has been issued without the presence of any agent or assistant to 160 emigrts. These issues are so irregularly made that Lt. S. declines paying for such beef. Similar informal issues of other parts of the ration have been made. Lieut. Seawell also says that issues have been made to emigrants of whom there is no roll; and this on the order of his assistant without the presence of any authorised agent. Lieut Seawell refuses to settle with the contractor for these issues, as his instructions forbid him to issue to any of whom no roll has been received. I have seen no such instructions however. Of the three points for depots, only one is advantageously located. The other two, (especially the one at Union,) are remote from the principal emigrant settlements. There is no cribb at any of these points. There is one crib at the territorial line. It appears that with the exception of those

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who live immediately about the depots, the supplies have been transported at the expense of Govt. to the respective residence of the emigrants. I know not what this has cost, but I think the expense must be great, as the emigrants are scattered to the extent of more than a hundred miles. It is besides establishing, or has established, a precedent that must operate much to the prejudice of govt. This plan has been recommended it seems by Capt. Vashon, and adopted by Lieut. Seawell. See copy of Capt. Vs letter enclosed. I shall discontinue this practice; at least until I receive instructions on the subject. I see no necessity for it. The beef contractor cheerfully agreed with me to supply those emigrants on the roll who are yet to supply at their respective places of residence, without expense to govt., although most of them are 40 or 50 miles from any depot. The corn has been issued thus far at 32 liquid quarts to the bushel. The contract, (a copy of which is enclosed,) calls for 12 800 bushels corn at $1.$\frac{27}{100}$ p. bushel. The corn contractor is sick in Ark. Ter. I represented to his son, who executes the contract, the injustice done to the indians and to Govt. by his buying corn on one side of the territorial line at 37½ to 50 cts. for 40 liquid quarts, and issuing it to the indians on the other side at 32 liquid quarts for $1.$\frac{27}{100}$. I have told him that I will receive no corn from him except by the half bushel measure of the country;— of Arkansas Ter. where he lives, and Missouri; viz, of 32 quarts dry measure, which is regarded as equivalent to 40 quarts wine measure; and which is the only measure for corn known in this country. He seems well disposed, and I believe would have agreed at once to issue as I required; but he is backed by Lieut. Seawell in the opinion that he need only

issue 32 quarts wine measure per bushel. He refuses to issue in any other way.

I have sent for the Corn contractor and have directed him to inform me in writing immediately whether he will issue as I have required or not. I have also required him to supply, as soon as possible at a cut politely offered me by Mr. Mackey on the Illinois, (within twenty miles of the forks,) as much corn as will supply about a dozen families near that place, who are said to be suffering for want of it. For the remaining issues under the contract, the contractor expects to, (and probably he will,) purchase corn of cherokees immediately at the residence of these emigrants at from 20 to 50 cents per forty quarts. I ask if he is to be paid by the Dept. $1.$\frac{20}{100}$ for every 32 wine quarts, on the same spot where he purchases it? I enclose copy of corn contractor's bid, and extract from the proposals, and respectfully request if the course I have taken should not meet your approbation, that you will give me instructions on the subject as early as convenient. I have written to Capt. Brown to the same amount as this letter.

It seems that great dissatisfaction has been given on account of the promise which the emigrants say was made to them, that on their arrival here they would receive cash instead of provisions. Some families refuse positively to receive provision. Scarcely any will go to the depots for their rations, I am told. I shall immediately proceed, as soon as Lieut. S. turns over to me, to complete the issue of beef and salt.

Lieut. Seavell says he will have very little, probably no funds to turn over. I will need funds to purchase salt, &c; but shall defer making an estimate until I am placed in charge.

Lieut. Seavell had three assistants. I have for the present discontinued

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Lieut. W. Seawell

Agent Office 12 May 1834

Sir

Pursuant to the result of our consultation relative to the place of delivery of the years supply of provisions for the party of Cherokee Emigrants under charge of Lieut. Harris, I earnestly recommend, with a view to the promotion of the interest of the public service, that you should endeavour to prevail on your contractors to deliver supplies to the said emigrants at their respective places of residence, instead of the designated places of depot in all cases where no inconvenience would result to the interest of the contractors; and if such change should increase the cost of transportation to either of your contractors, to provide for it accordingly upon public account. And in like manner to extend such accommodation in all cases whenever you may find it conducive to the public interest in allaying the prevailing disposition to complain.

Not respectfully

Sir

Your mo. obt Servt

(Signed) Geo. Vashon Agt.

True copy

S. Van Rhoe U.S.A.

Dis. Agt Ch.

S. J. Cantonne's
Estimate for funds
4th Qr 1834
$8155.00
Cherokees West

Rec & Dec 16 1834

Deposited to credit of S. Cantonne in
Union Bk of Louisiana, at N. Orleans, $8,500=
Jany 9, 1835.
(see letter this date)
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ESTIMATE *of* **FUNDS** *required in the Removal and Subsistence of the* Cherokee *Indians, for the Quarter ending* 31st December 1834 *with the Application in detail, intended to be made of them, by* Lieut. J. Van Horne 3rd Inf. Disg. Agent.

	Dlls.	Cts.
For remainder of Subsistence due enrolled parties which arrived 16th May 1834, 888 emigrants as follows, viz		
For 3133 bushels corn at $1.25½ p. bush. $3.933		
" 164 " Salt at $1.50 " 164		
" 69.123 lb. beef at $2.99 p. hund. wt. 2.067	6.214	"
For Subsistence of about 120 Cherokee emigrants, not on any rolls, most of whom have certificates of Maj. Curry that they are Cherokee emigrants, for six months, at 6¼ cts p. ration	1.478	"
For pay of Disbursing Agent for six months, from 1st July to 31 Dec. 1834, at $61 p. month - - -	366	
Due Disbursing Agent per last return - -	97	"
	$8.155	"
Deduct Amount estimated to remain on Hand		
Amount required	$8.155	"

Signed J. Van Horne Lieut. 3rd Inf.
Disbursing Agent Cherokees

Emig. 34. Cherokee
Letter

Lieut. S. Van Horne,
Cherk Agency U. 10. Nov.
1834.

Encloses Returns for Cherokee Disbursements in last quarter.

Encloses also a List of ~~such~~ Emigrants, in different parts of the Cherokee Country, whose names are not on any roll, but who demand provisions.

Receipt balance of Cherokee funds on the 27th of August; and Original Roll of Sl. Harris' party on the 4th of September.

Asks instructions relative to several Cherokee Emigrants who have rec. years provisions more than once.

Refers the case of James B. Henson. — Encloses a list of Emigrants of former years who lately rtd. to the Old Nation.

On the 3rd made for contracts for supply emigrants

Rec. 18 Dec.

Sir Rec'd Dec 16

Creek Agency 4th Nov. 1834.

Paying annuities, procuring Quapaw outfits and other duties, have thus far prevented me from forwarding my returns for Cherokee Disbursements for last quarter sooner. They are enclosed. My issues in September were to those who were scattered at a distance, and who had not before received any supplies. In October I made more considerable issues. There are numbers of emigrants in different parts of the Cherokee country who are not on any rolls. Some of these have certificates of Maj. Curry or his agt. that they are Cherokee emigrants; others have not, but are evidently late emigrants. By your instruction to Lieut. Seawell, you directed that none should be issued to unless they were on rolls forwarded by Maj. Curry. These emigrants are clamorous for their provisions. I have called on Capt. Vashon, who says that he has received no rolls of them, but that they are evidently entitled to provisions. I enclose a list of such as far as I have yet seen them, and an estimate for funds to supply them. These people are ever ready for complaint, and I would be glad to be authorized to supply them as soon as convenient. I respectfully suggest whether it would not be well that Maj. Curry transmit rolls (generally or otherwise) of all emigrants direct to the Bureau that they.

I received the balance of the Cherokee fund from Lieut. Seawell 27 Aug. and the original roll of Lieut. Harris's party 4 Sep. (The original roll of 439 emigrants who came on commutation allowance, Lieut. S. declined turning over to me. It would be of great service for me to refer to.) I would like very much to have the original rolls of all the Cherokee emigrants, as I believe many impositions have been practised on govt. by the same individuals receiving the allowance for emigrating and year's subsistence more than once. Already I find that Benjamin Cooper 14, and Thompson Sizzard, 4 in family, together 18, enrolled in 1832. By refering to an old roll of 32, I find that these families

are marked "issued to." From this I presume Govt paid for a year's supply for them then. These families emigrated after Lieut. Harris's party, and exhibited to me a certificate of Maj. B. F. Curry Lights. Cher. Em. dated 10 April 1834, that they are Cherokee emigrants from Georgia. As they were noisy in their complaints, I was going to issue on my own responsibility the balance of corn (6 months) due them; when on examination I found the remark on the roll of '32 referred to. Under Lieut. S. they have received a second time the whole year's supply of beef & six months supply of corn. I told them that I would give nothing to them; but would refer the case to you, and await your instructions. Please direct me as to the course to be pursued. They say that they never were in this country before, and did not receive any provisions in 1832. Geo. W. Freeman, two in family, marked on the same roll of '32 "Issued to," is the same Geo. Freeman, two in family, on the roll of those emigrants who came on commutation allowance in May last. He has received all his rations for the present year except his corn. I have not yet seen him. I will not issue corn to him without your instructions. I am told on good authority that James B. Henson and family of 5 also came with Lieut. Harris's party on rations, and have no indian blood. They have received nearly all their rations. I refer this case to you also.

(There has been great sickness & mortality among the Cherokee emigrants the past summer and fall.) The following of the late emigrants have gone back to the old nation, Wm. Woody Russell & Young Young Jr., Jacob Saunders, Elijah Stones and Lewis Shook. Benjamin Bowman (white man) & Green Shelton stole horses & went back. I also enclose a list of emigrants of former years who have lately returned to the old nation east of Mi. Many others talk of returning. To such of the late emigrants as talk of returning I have declined issuing for the whole time due them in advance.

On the 5th agreeably to Capt. Brown's instructions, I made contracts for furnishing the emigrants on the route between this and the Territory. Owing to the failure of the mail, very few had notice. I had but two or three days notice myself.

Lieut. eight out 6 payment

Gen Com.

The requiring payment to be made at Little Rock is bad policy. Of the eight bids, I rejected seven, and contracted on the spot for three stands at 6¾ cts and one at 6 42/100 cts p. ration. Had sufficient notice been given, and payment made here, bids would have been lower. = Very respectfully

Your obt Servt.
C. Van Horne Lieut 3 Inf
Disb. Agent Cherokees

Gen. Gen. Gibson
Com. Gen. Subsistence.

Note. The lists enclosed are placed on Cherokee file – copies, with Lt. Harris's remarks on that of the late emigrants not enrolled, sent to B. F. Currey on the 20 July 1835.

The different tribes of Indians in this quarter are making arrangements and appointing delegates to Congress to remonstrate against the law of last session

(Impertinence as to Treaty with Ross's leadings)

Emig 35. Cherokee

Lt. J. Van Horne
Fort Gibson, 25th Nov 1834

says he has just received a letter from Capt. Brown severely reproving him for his report made to this Office 7 Oct and in obedience to instructions

He solemnly avers that he made it in view of the best interest of the Government and not as is charged by Capt. Brown with improper views & feelings, and he is willing to appeal to every intelligent man in the country for its correctness &c

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Fort Gibson, 25 Nov. 1834

I have only just received a letter from Capt. Brown Ord. Dep. Genl. containing the language mentioned below, reproving me for my report of 7 Oct. made in obedience to your instructions of 26 Aug. Never have my feelings been more deeply wounded, never was I more mortified and surprised, than when I received this letter. Sir, I call God to witness the purity of my motives, and the integrity of my design, in forming the report here referred to. I would be glad if the appeal could be made to the people of this country, whether my views and opinions as there expressed are not sanctioned by the intelligent people of every class, by the military – by the intelligent Creeks & Cherokees, – by hunters & those whites who are best acquainted with the country and its resources, and who are capable of judging of the true interests of govt. and the Indians.

He says, "Ere this reaches you, doubtless you will have discovered the erroneous statements made in that report, and particularly in that part of it which relates to the selection of routes for the emigrants this fall." I am at a loss to know to what he refers here, unless it be that contracts have been let out at a lower rate on the Canadian route than on the North side of the Arkansas. But I have not received information at what rates contracts have been taken on either side, except the few made by myself for the stands between the Seminoles & the Creek country. I certainly have not discovered any erroneous statements made by me with respect to these routes. On the contrary there is no part of my views and suggestions on that subject, but what are fully corroborated and sustained by every person of intelligence and judgment and knowledge of the country that I have conversed with on the subject; and I made it my business to get the sentiments of all such persons on all the subjects treated of in that report, as far as I was able in the little time I had to devote to it. They are in accordance with the views I have given, and will be substantiated if the enquiry be made of those who are disinterested and best able to judge.

There is a fine body of land between the main Canadian and the North fork but it is set aside for the Seminoles. Those who have had so high an opinion of the Canadian country were not aware that this comprehends the best body of land on the Canadian. The Creeks have all along been under the impression it seems that they could settle on this land as well as their own. About one hundred Creeks do now live on it, and many (including Chilly McIntosh and other principal men,) were about to move there; when I drew the attention of the Superin-

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the subject. He informed me that he directed a stop to be put to it.

If the contracts have been let out from Fort Smith to the Creek Country on better terms on the South than on the north side of the Arkansas, there is ample reason for it, in the fact that for some time it was understood that the Creeks were to emigrate on the south side from the Dardenelles up to the mouth of North fork of Canadian. Capt. Brown had a little before travelled on that route, and I presume the arangements were then made. On the north side the case was different. To be sure notice was given in the Little Rock papers, but owing to the failure of the mail, and the very few, if any, on that route who take them, I apprehend few had notice. I can bear witness, and it is well known here that such was the fact, at least from the Setting to this place.

At the time I wrote, I was ignorant that any positive arangements had been made as to the route. I had only the current rumour of the country. As to "arraigning the conduct of those charged with the removal of indians, insinuating that they have neglected their duty, greatly prejudicing the interests of govt & the comfort of the indians," I most solemnly disclaim any such intentions and such insinuations. If he refers to Capt Wm Armstrong & himself, the Dept. has not a higher opinion of these gentlemen than I have. I had none but the most friendly feelings towards all of them. I regard Maj. F. W. Armstrong Supt. Western Ser. as one of my best friends. I have no unfriendly feelings towards any one charged with the duty of removal. Nothing was farther from my intention than what is here laid to my charge. Before heaven I protest that I sought honestly firmly and faithfully to do my duty. I endeavoured conscientiously to promote the interests of govt, and the comfort of the emigrants. My suggestions were the fruits not only of my own observation & belief, but were corroborated by the well informed of the Creeks and adjacent country. It is true that the selection of the route was confided to gentlemen of great ability, who stand deservedly high. But I believe neither of these gentlemen have been to the Creek Country. As a govt officer on this duty in the Creek & Cherokee country, who was constantly reminded by those I met with of the impolicy of taking the Canadian route;- urged too by men of standing & knowledge of the country, that situated as I was, it became me to express my sentiments; I did think that I would be undeserving the confidence of those under whom I act;- faithless to govt;- regardless of the well being of the emigrants;- were I not candidly to lay before you what were my own settled conviction of the impolicy of taking the Canadian route. I had no interests to swerve me.

He proceeds "There are other parts of the report not quite so full and specific in charges, but more insidious, and consequently more offensive. I refer to that part of it where you give your views and opinions in relation to furnishing the emigrants with subsistence after they reach their new country. Which views and opinions, as there expressed, are so contrary to the true interest of govt, as well as

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sinister in their designs, &c. Here again I am at a loss to know to what he particularly refers, and as in the other case I cannot reply to the objections to my report which he has forwarded you. I sincerely believe that inducements should be held out to natives to furnish supplies. My suggestion that where the natives can furnish supplies on as good terms, and as well as whites, that the latter be forbidden to furnish (without licence, of course) except from his own state or territory, was well intended. Yet it should be well considered. I have since conversed with Maj. Armstrong Actg. Supdt. who agrees with me that the purchasing these supplies by whites in the Indian country is a violation of the intercourse law. This is a matter for others to decide. I bear the lash for pointing it out to the attention of govt. It need not, and should not be expected that natives will go upwards of 200 miles to Little Rock to bid for contracts, & receive payment under them.

I write without fear favour or affection, but am at a loss to know wherein my views and opinions are sinister in their designs or contrary to the interests of govt. Since you were pleased to confide to me the duty of subsisting emigrants in this country, it has been my ill fortune to see the interests of govt. neglected and indians wronged. So far I have never failed faithfully to acquaint you with the facts. I did this at no small hazard. I hope the time has not arrived when govt. officers cannot express their real opinions:- cannot lay before the Dept. wrongs or injustice done to govt., or to those whom govt. should protect and cherish. Developments are making daily, where I now am of this kind. There is little inducement for one to lay bare injustice; to protect the weak, or point or check to wrong, in defiance of the assassins knife, and the lurking enmity of the interested and designing, whose plans are thwarted; if bitter reprimands like this are the only reward. The officer who in this country discharges his whole duty, efficiently and honestly, has difficulties to encounter. He must expect the enmity of many, whose schemes he must frustrate. The smooth conciliating course is pleasant, easiest; but I have too high an estimate of you sir for one moment to doubt that you will believe that the motives and designs of each part of my report are pure and disinterested;- that you will foster those who value integrity honour and an unflinching discharge of their duties, more than popularity influence or favour, gained by means which they cannot sanction.

This is the first intimation I have had, from any source, of any [illegible] with the manner in which I have discharged my duties. My intentions were the best. I cannot convince myself that I have erred in conduct or in my views and opinions. I am not sensible that I have misstated in any particular. Yet I am broadly charged by a superior and brother officer, with making erroneous statements; with insinuating that my superiors have neglected their duty; with making insidious and offensive charges, by expressing views and opinions contrary to the interests of govt. and sinister in their designs. Sir I appeal to you whether I deserve this language. I believe confidently that [illegible]

will pronounce these reproaches unmerited. That they are unnecessarily severe, and that my feelings ought not to have been thus wounded, nor my honour sullied by such a reprimand. No one has laboured more diligently. I have spared no efforts to give satisfaction. I have aimed to preserve a good understanding, and act in concert with all the various govt. officers on duty with the indians. I have been unwearied in my efforts to promote the interests of govt & the indians. I can appeal only to you Sir; and I do it with a confident hope that you will properly appreciate my motives and conduct. If you do not support me in the honest discharge of my duty, it will be mortifying to me indeed.

Sir I can see no cause of offence to the Principal Disbg. Agent in my report. Heaven knows none was intended. I can conceive of no possible cause for his reprimand, unless it possibly be that I mentioned to him some time since in a friendly conversation with him, that it seemed to me an unusual course for him to require the disbursing agents under him to receipt to him, and thus be held responsible to him, and to the United States, for the large sums required to be disbursed under the new system; and to take all the vouchers in his name as receiver of him, and forward them to him with monthly and quarterly returns; and forbidding me to file vouchers for some of these payments. In the form of receipts for annuities he gives us with his instructions for our guidance his name is written thus: "Received of Capt Jacob Brown P.D. &c &c". The following is an extract from his instructions to me, "My name in the receipts for payments made to individuals, such as for service &c, need not be inserted at the time of paying such accounts. The space may be left blank, to be written up by myself when the vouchers come to hand; In the printed form the date & sum only to be written up. All signatures to receipts must be witnessed. Vouchers of payments made for me must not be filed." (The last words underscored.)

With sincere regards

Sir Your obt Humble Servt.

J. Van Horne Lieut 3d Dr.
Dis. Agt. S. R.

Gen. Gen. Gibson
Com. Gen. Sub.

See Graham's report of 7th Oct. &
Capt. Brown's letters of the 11th & 25th Oct 1834.

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ESTIMATE of **FUNDS** required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians, for the Quarter ending 31st December 1834 with the Application in detail, intended to be made of them, by Lieut. J. Van Horne Disb. Agent Cherokees.

		Dolls	Cts
For remainder of Subsistence due enrolled parties which ensued 16 May 1834, 818 emigrants as follows,			
For 3133 bushels corn at $1.25 1/2 -	$3.983.-		
" 1.64 " Salt at $1.00 -	164.-		
" 69.128 lb beef at $2.99 p. hund. -	2.067	6.214	"
For subsistence of about 120 Cherokee emigrants for six months not on any roll, most of whom have certificates of Maj. Curry that they are Cherokee emigrants - at 6 3/4 cts p. ration		147.8	"
For Pay of Disbursing Agent for 6 months from 1st July to 31 Dec. 1834 at $61 p. month - - -		366	"
Due Disbursing Agent for last return -		97	"
Amount required -		$7.155	
Deduct Amount estimated to remain on Hand			
Amount required			

Signed J. Van Horne Lieut 8th Inf
Disb. Agent Cherokees

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1835 -J Cherokee

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Lt. M. W. Bateman
Cherokee Removal

Estimate of Funds
for the first Quarter
1835

$13,643..50

Recd. 20th Jany

See Lt. F. W. Harris's Est. 1st Qr 1834

" Deposited at Nashville $50000 in
anticipation with the 5th Jany 1835.

" See letter to Lt. Bateman dated
the 3rd February 1835.

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Estimate of Funds required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians, for the Quarter Ending the 31st March 1835 with the application in detail intended to be made of them. by P. Smith M. M. Ratteman Disbursing Agent

	Dolls	Cents
Contingencies		
Pay to Major B. F. Currey, Superintendent and Acting Agent – Salary $2000 per Annum	500	00
Major William M Davis Enrolling & Appraising Agent per diem allowance $4	360	00
Necessary Expenses of Enrolling and Appraising Agents – Say $1 per diem	X 90	00
Mr Geo. W. Currey (Clerk) Salary regulated by the Estimate of Services, not to exceed $4 per diem	360	00
One Interpreter, per diem allowance $2.50	225	00
Contingencies	100	00
Disbursing Agent at $61 per Month	183	00
Transportation and Necessary Expenses of Disbursing Agents	X 1,00	00
Arrearages due Agents &c. heretofore Estimated for (Say)	3853	00
Transportation		
Heighest possible number of Emigrants to be Transported & Subsisted during the present Quarter Five hundred, Commutation allowance $18 per head	9.000	00
	14771	00
Deduct balance on hand	1127	50
	13643	50
Debts of Emigrants who have already gone Settled West. for the Early Payment of which the Government forth is pledged	X 47771	94½
Amount required	$ 61415	44½

Cherokee Agency East
4th January 1835

M. M. Ratteman
P. Smith & Disbursing Agent

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Mr Batman's
Monthly Abstract of
Disbursements for Contingents
January 1835

$414.50

Recd 21 July

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies for the Month of January 1835 by Lewis Ross Sub Agent and Disbursing Agent of the U States for the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians

Date	To Whom Paid	For What Paid	Dolls	Cents	Remarks
6th January 1835	Joel Yancey	For Services as Enrolling and Appraising Agent	312	00	
13th " "	Richard Rattiff	For Services as Interpreter	72	50	
16 " "	John L. McCoy	For Services as Interpreter	30	00	
			414	50	

I Certify that the above Abstract is just & true

M. W. Patterson
Sub & Disbursing Agent
Cherokee Removal

Cherokee Agency East
1st February 1835

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Dr M. W. Batman's
Monthly Abstract of
Disbursements for Transportation
January 1835

$54.00

Recd. July 21.

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Transportation for the Month of January 1835 by Wm. M. W. Ba[illegible] and Disbursing Agent of the United States for the Removal and Subsistence of Cherokee Indians

Date	To Whom Paid	For What Paid	Dolls	Cents	Remarks
26th January 1835	Felix W. Riley	For Commutation allowance for Transportation & Subsistence for two Cherokees and one White	54	00	
			54	00	

I certify that the above Abstract is just & true
M. W. Ba[illegible] and
Wm. & Disbursing Agent
Cherokee Removal

Cherokee Agency
1st February 1835

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[B 328 - Cherokee]

Monthly Abstract of
Disbursements for Contingencies
Feby 1835

$1278.50

Recd 16 March

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies during the Month of February 1835 by 1st Lieut M. W. Bateman Disbursing Agent of the United States for the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians

Date	To Whom Paid	For what Paid	Dolls	Cts
Feby 1835	I. McC. Montgomery	Salary as Enrolling and Appraising Agent	732	00
" "	Benj F. Currey	" Superintendent Cherokee Removal	500	00
" "	William Rogers	For one Pine Paper Case and one Pine Table, (for the use of the Disbursing Agent)	11	50
" "	Isaiah Burke	" Bearing Express Communications	15	00
" "	Tieska Fields	" do do	10	00
" "	I. K. Brown	" Blank Books	10	00
			1278	50

I certify that the above Abstract is just & true

M. W. Bateman
1st Lt & Disbursing Agent

Cherokee Agency (East)
1st March 1835

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[B 328 - Cherokee]

Monthly Abstract of
Disbursments for Transportation
February 1835

$342,00

Rec'd 16 March

Lt Maj Curry

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Transportation during the Month of February 1835 by Lieut M. M. Bateman Disbursing Agent United States for the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokees Indians

Date	To Whom Paid	For What Paid					Dolls	Cents
2nd Feby 1835	George Hearlee	Commutation	Allowance for Transportation	& Subsistence to	Arkansas	(4 in family)	72	00
" " "	Thos. J. & Eliza Gordon	do	do	do	do	(2 in family)	36	00
" " "	Joshua Roach	do	do	do	do	(3 in family	54	00
10 " "	Silas Chote	do	do	do	do	(5 in family	90	00
21 " "	Joseph S Falling	do	do	do	do	(1 in family	18	00
24 " "	Sanders Chote	do	do	do	do	(4 in family	72	00
							342	00

I Certify that the above Abstract is just & true
M. M. Bateman
Lt & Disbursing Agent

Cherokee Agency, (East)
1st March 1835

Lt. M. W. Bateman

Monthly Abstract of

Disbursements for Contingencies

$992.00

April 1835

Recd. May 23

[B356 - Cherokee]

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies for the Month of April 1835. by 1st Lieut M. M. Bolman and Disbursing Agent of the United States for the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians

Date	No.	To whom paid	For what paid	Dolls	Cents	Remarks
16th April 1835	1	Benjamin F. Currey	Superintendent Cherokee Removal	500	00	
17 April 1835	2	William M. Davis	Services as Enrolling and Appraising Agent	492	00	
				$ 992	00	

I certify that the above abstract is just and true

M. M. Bolman and
1st Lieut 6th Infantry
Disbg Agent.

Lt. M. W. Batman's
Estimate of Funds
3d. qr 1835

Rec.d 25 July

10 Augt. 1835.
Amt. remitted $2000.

[B 371 - Cherokee]

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Estimate of Funds required in the Removal and Subsistence of Cherokee Indians, for the Quarter Ending 30 [illegible], with the Application in detail, intended to be made of them, by 1st Lieut M. M. Bateman Disbursing Agent.

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1	Major Benjamin F. Currey, Superintendant, Cherokee Removal Salary $2000 per year. Per Quarter	$ 500	00
2 ✓	Mr George W. Currey, Clerk to Superintendant at $4 per day	368	00
3 ✓	One Interpreter for Superintendant at $2.50 per day	230	00
4 ✓	Four persons to take the Census of the Cherokee Nation, & Enrolling Agents. Services to Continue Sixty days. at $4 per day	960	00
5 ✓	Four Interpreters to accompany the Census takers. Sixty days each. at $2.50 per day	600	00
6 ✓	Two Enrolling Agents, Members of the Tribe. Pay to be proportioned to Services performed say $4 per day	736	00
	Contingencies	200	00
	There will probably Emigrate during the Quarter. Two hundred Cherokees. at $18 per head	3600	00
	Arrearages due Agents &c. hereafter Estimated for. Viz		
7	Due Major B. F. Currey Superintendent on the 30. June 1835 $500		
8 ×	Due Mr G. W. Currey, Clerk, to Sept. " " " " 1216		
9	Due Interpreters " " " " 100	1816	00
		9010	00
	Balance on hand 30 June 1835	6413	03
	Amount Required	$ 2596	97

✓ See these items noticed in letter to B. F. Currey & G. Bateman, dated 10th August 1835. Nos 3.4.5.6. Suspended. No. 2 explanation asked. E.

M. M. Bateman
1st Lieut 6th Infantry
D. A.

[B 363 - Cherokee]

Monthly Abstract of
Disbursements for Contingencies

$1260.25

May 1835

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies for the Month of May 1835. by 1st Lieut M. W. Patten and Disbursing Agent of the United States for the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians

Dates	No	To whom paid	For what paid	Dolls	Cents	Remarks
23rd May 1835	3	Ellis Hoalin	For his Services as Interpreter	40	00	
" " "	4	James R Coody	" " Services as Interpreter	45	00	
" " "	5	Joseph A Foreman	" " Services as Interpreter	32	50	
25 " "	6	Samuel McKnight	" " Services in hearing Capitol Commissioners	6	25	
26 " "	7	W. M. Davis	" " Services as Enrolling and Appraising Agent	1124	00	
27 " "	8	John Fields	" " Services as Interpreter	12	50	
				$ 1260	25	

I certify that the above abstract is correct

M. W. Patten and
1st Lieut 6th Infantry
Disbg. Agent.

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M M U Balman
Monthly Abstract of dis
bursements for Contingencies

$262.50

July 1835

Rec'd 1st August

[B 387 Cherokee]

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies for the Month of July 1835 by Smith M. Butterworth Disbursing Agent of the U.S. for the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians

Date	No	To Whom paid	For What paid	Dolls	Cts	Remarks
30 July 1835	1	E. B. McLaughlin pt. Interpreter	Services as Interpreter	150	00	
31 July 1835	2	Joseph A Foreman	Services as Interpreter	112	50	
				$262	50	

I certify on honor that the above Abstract is just and true

M. M. Butterworth
Sub Ag. Disbursing
Disbursing Agent.

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Dr. M. W. Batman's

Monthly Abstract

Disbursements for Contingency

August 1835 —

$590.00

Cherokee East

Recd. 14 Sept

[B 392 - Cherokee]

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies for the Month of August 1835 by Lieut M. M. Patterson Disbursing Agent N.A. Cherokee Removal

Date	No	To whom paid	For what paid	Dollars	Cents	Remarks
8th August 1835	3	B. F. Currey	Services as Sub Ch. Cherokee Removal	500	00	
20th " "	4	Charles F. Foreman	Services as Interpreter	35	00	
22 " "	5	Michael Gormley	Services as Interpreter	65	00	
				$ 590	00	

I certify on honor that the above abstract is just and true

M. M. Patterson
Lieut 6th Infantry
D. A.

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T. M. N. Patman.

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies in October 1835

Recd, 16 Nov.

[B 407 Cherokee]

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Monthly Statement of Disbursements for Contingents, for the Month of October 1835 by Lt Col M. M. Patterson and Disbursing Agent Choctaw Removal

Date	To Whom Paid	For What Paid	Dolls	Cents	Remarks
23d October 1835	John Ridge	For his Services as Interpreter	20.	00	
			$ 20	00	

I certify on honor that the above account is just and true

M. M. Patterson
Lt Col 6th Regt by
Disby Agent.

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[B 407 Cherokee]

H. M. W. Pitman.

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Transportation in October 1835

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Rec'd. 16 Nov.

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Transportation, for the Month of October 1835. by 1st Lieut M. W. Batten and, Disbursing Agent, Choctaw Removal

Date	To Whom paid			
27th October 1835	John L. McCoy	For Commutation Allowance, for Transportation & Subsistence	18	00
			$18	00

I Certify on honor that the above Abstract is just and true

M. W. Batten and
1st Lieut C. Dispg
Disbg. Agent.

[B 421 Cherokee]

Lt. M. W. Batman's

Estimate of Funds for Cherokees East First Quarter 1836

Amt required $4399.68/100

Estimated bal on hand to meet the above $5600.68/100

Rec. 14 Dec.

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ESTIMATE of **FUNDS** required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokee Indians, for the Quarter ending 31st March 1836 with the Application in detail, intended to be made of them, by Lewis M. M. Bateman D.A.

1	Benj. F. Currey Supt. Cherokee Nation $2000 per annum	500	00
1	W. M. Davis Enrolling & Appraising Agent $4 per day	364	00
1	G. W. Currey, Clerk at $3 per day,	273	00
1	Andrew Rogers. Interpreter for Enrolling & Appraising Agent at $2.50 per day	227	50
1	Ellis Hartin Interpreter at Agency at $500. per Annum	125	00
1	——"—— Enrolling & Appraising Agent $4 per day	364	00
	Arrearages due Agents heretofore Estimated for		
Due	Major Benj. F. Currey. 31st Decr. 1835 . .	902.18	
"	" W. M. Davis " " "	368.00	
"	W. G. W. Currey " " "	276.00	
— "	Agents who have taken the Census & their Interpreters, Amount not known, say	1000.00	2546 18
		4399	68
	Deduct Amount estimated to remain on Hand	5.600	68
	Amount required Excess		

Cherokee Agency East
7th December 1835

Signed M. M. Bateman
Lewis G. Rogers
Deputy Agent.

242 Cherokee

Referred Emig. Cherokee

B. F. Carey and
Wm. M. Davis.
Cherokee Agency East,
Nov. 12th 1834.

Recommends Lt. S. W. Harris to the patronage of the Secretary of War, and advise particularly that he be detailed for duty in a southern climate, because of feeble health.

Answer & Advise.

~~Indian Office~~

Nov. 9. 1835

Rec'd 14 Jany

Rec'd. 14 Jan. 35

[C242 Cherokee]

Referred to
Jany 14. 1835

Cherokee Agency East Nov 12 1834

To the Hon Lewis Cass
Secy of War

Sir

The undersigned having been associated with Lieut Jos Williams in the Cherokee service & feeling a deep interest in his future welfare on account of his fidelity & devotion to the interests of the Govt, beg leave to represent to your consideration the fact that he has been for till laboring under a rheumatic affliction, which would require his location in a more northern & less extremely position. Notwithstanding these afflictions when country called for an exertion of intellectual & physical powers we have always found this young man prompt to every call & cheerfully performing even more service than could be reasonably required at the hands of any one

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the privations, dangers & fatigues of the last Springs emigration, while death stared him in the face at every bend of the river or crook of the roads were manfully encountered & overcome with a zeal for the character of the government as well as the safety of the emigrants under his care which alone would command confidence that he is worthy of any trust that could be bestowed upon him He is a young man of the first order of talents - possessed of sober habits & a happy disposition and if it be in your power to reward meritorious services by detailing him for duty in a more southern climate & that of a more profitable character to himself on whose resources depend a

widowed mother & two sisters we know your patronage would be gratefully acknowledged when ever an opportunity is presented by all who know him & most especially by the undersigned who have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

your Obt & humble Serv.

Ben. F. Lewis Supt &c

Wm. M. Davis
Enrolling & Appraising Agent

Montgomery Ala.

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Enrg 17 Cherokee

[J17 Cherokee]

Col. R. M. Johnson
Wash: 1 March 1835
wishes an answer to
the letter of Mr. C.
Montgomery which
he left in this office to be
answered.

Rec'd 3d March

Rec'd March

Dear Genl

I left the letter of J. W. C. Montgomery at your office, for answer & have not yet rec'd it. Please let me have it & also inform me to what point I shall forward it to him. I oblige you

obedt

R. M. Johnson

1 March 1835

he presented a claim for money my only object is to prove to him that I had complyed with his request

Genl George Gibson

(The letter alluded to is filed E)

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Lt. M. W. Batman's

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingents in January 1836

$484.00

Rec: 20 Feb.

Cherokee Removal

[B452 Cherokee]

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies for the Month of January 1836 by Capt M. M. Bateman Disbursing Agent Cherokee Removal

Date	No	To Whom paid	For What paid	Dolls	Cents
4th January 1836	1	J. A. Foreman	For his Services as Interpreter	47	50
" " "	2	Andrew Rogers	" do do do	130	00
" " "	3	Rezin Rawlings	" his Services as Census taker	224	00
15 " "	4	James Fields	" his Services as Interpreter	82	50
			$	484	00

I certify on honor that the above Abstract is just and true

M. M. Bateman
1st Lieut 6th Regt Dragoons
Disbg Agent.

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Lt. Mc. W. Batman

[B 461 - Cherokee]

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingents for February 1836

$1704.50

Recd. 14 Mch

Cherokee

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies for the Month of February 1836. by Lt M.T. Bateman Disbursing Agent. Cherokee Removals

Date		To Whom Paid	For What Paid	Dolls	cts
6th February 1836		S.G. Barnett (Executor)	For his Services as Census Taker	96	00
" " "		Ellis S Hartin	" " " " Interpreter	60	00
27 " "		G.W. Lenny	" " " " Clerk to Superintendent	498	00
" " "		Ellis S. Hartin	" " " " Interpreter	176	00
25 " "		Elijah Moore	" " " " hiring Express Communications	22	50
29 " "		W M Davis	" " " " Enrolling and Appraising Agent	852	00
				$ 1704	50

The above Abstract is correct

M.T. Bateman and
1st Lieut 6th Infantry
Disbursing Agent.

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Mr. W Batman

[B 461 – Cherokee]

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Transportation for February 1836

$252.00

Recd 14 March

Cherokee Removal

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for Transportation for the Month of February 1836 by Lieut. M. W. Bateman Disbursing Agent, Cherokee Removal

Date		To whom paid	For what paid	Dolls	cts
27th July 1836		Henry Lenitow	For his Commutation allowance for Subsistence & Transportation, himself and family . . .	90	0
11 " "		George Bearmeat	do do do himself	18	0
" " "		Reader Moore	do do do do	18	0
" " "		Luther Moore	do do do do	18	0
8 " "		E. B. McLaughlin	do do do himself and family	108	0
			Ds	252	0

The above Abstract is correct

M. W. Bateman
1 Lieut 6th Infantry
Disbursing Agent

Lieut M. W. Batman's

Estimate of Funds,

for

Second Quarter 1836

amt. of Estimate – 2127. 18

Bal from Prior Qr. 1913. 81

Rec. 14 Mch.

amt. req. – $213.38

[B 462 – Cherokee]

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ESTIMATE of **FUNDS** required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Cherokees Indians, for the Quarter ending 30th June 1836 with the Application in detail, intended to be made of them, by Lt M. M. Bateman and Disbg Agent

B. F. Currey Supt Cherokee Removals Salry $2000 pr an	500	00
Ellis S Hamlin Interpreter . $500 per annum	125	00
Contingencies. Horse hire, Expenses &c of Interpreter	100	00
Arrearages due Agents, Estimates for & not yet paid		
B. F. Currey to include 31st March 1836	1402	18
	2127	18
Deduct Amount estimated to remain on Hand	1913	81
Amount required	213	37

Signed M. M. Bateman
1st Lieut 6th Infantry
Disbursing Agent.

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Copy.

Emigration of Indians
Office Comy. Genl. Subsistence
Augt. 3rd 1836.

To
Capt. Jacob Brown
Pr: Disbg. Agent
Rem.d Indians
Little Rock Arkansas.

Sir,

In the late Treaty with the Cherokees it is Stipulated that such persons and families as, in the Opinion of the Emigrating Agent are capable of subsisting and removing themselves shall be permitted to do so; and that there shall be allowed to each person and member $20, commutation for transportation and subsistence on the route and $33, 33/100 for the year's subsistence after their arrival West.

It may happen that in making the distinction between such as shall be deemed capable and those regarded otherwise dissatisfaction may arise among the Indians. Will you be pleased to favor me with your views as to the propriety of extending the commutation to all who may prefer it, particularly the allowance of the $33, 33/100 in lieu of the year's subsistence. What course would most probably be most agreeable to the Indians or most for their advantage

Very Resply. &c
J. H. Hook
Actg Comy. Genl. Subsistence

(Signed)

Benjamin F. Curry
Adm

Statement of the disposal
made of property belonging
to Absentee Cherokees

Cherokees

Rec. 22. Aug. 1836

[C 345 - Cherokee]

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BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Statement of articles due the Cherokee Indians, under stipulations in the article of the Treaty of May 6 1835 with that Tribe, received by Benj F Currey; and the disposition made of the same, for the quarter ending July 31 1836

Date of reception	From whom, and when received.	Rifles	Mackinaw Blankets	Blankets	Lbs Tobacco															Remarks.
1835 January	On hand per last statement																			
	Hugh Montgomery	983	572	659																
	Purchase				80															
														Rifles	Blankets	Kettles	Tobacco	Rec'd		
	Total received, and on hand this quarter.....	983	572	659	80								Bal forward	983	572	659	80			
Date of transfer	To whom issued or transferred													592	428	234	80	Balance		
1835	Issued per Abstracts																			
	heretofore Rec'd & A.....	16	38	9	80									391	144	425	80			
	Transferred to														13	–	–	–	–	Damaged, sold & money paid to Lt Butman
Dec 10	J. F. Schermerhorn, per requisition		390												130					
1836	Transferred to																			
July 16	M. M. Payne Major U S Army for Rec'pts	576		225																
		592	428	234	80															

13 — Damaged Blankets sold & proceeds paid to Lt Butman as per rec'd June 30 1836

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Copy
July 6: 1863

Lieut J L Hooper
commanding at
Huntingdon
Valley River
North Carolina

Vanns Mill Ferry Ga. Feby 6 1836

Lieut I L Hooper

Commanding at Huntingdon Ala

Sir

Your favour of the 28th ult has just reached me when I saw you last I hoped to have been with you again before now but circumstances which I cannot controll has prevented it

I exceedingly regret that the people are backwards in yielding to the decisions of Mr Scherinerhorne and myself They certainly will not hesitate to leave the places in question when called upon by you in person

The Indians and whites should endeavour to cultivate a friendly understanding and avoid every thing which may tend to produce collisions between the State and Genl Govt should be avoided and discouraged when the Treaty is ratified by the Senate however its provisions will take effect In the mean time the whites should in the most mild terms be prevented from committing depredations upon the persons or property of the Red inhabitants The Improvements of the Indians should be secured to them against the whites should they attempt to take them by force

The criminal laws of the State are in

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force and cases arising under them will until otherwise provided for have to be tried at their own instance where the aggrieved or aggrieving whether Reds or Whites But your instructions as I understand them from your commanding Genl are to aid the civil authority in preserving the peace generally

I regret that it will be out of my power to visit the Mountains for some weeks yet but in the interim I have full confidence that your judgement will so direct that all the ends of justice will be attained with as little cause of excitement between the whites and the Indians as possible

Most Respectfully

Your Very Obt Servt

Ben H Henry

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K 184 [D 70 1/2 Cherokee] 70 1/2 Refund

July 2 1836.
Indian Emigration
Office
Repat. Rec'd 8.1

In endorsement on
repat War Dept. July 8. 36.

Wm. M. Davis Esq.
War Dept. 2d July 1836

Enclosing his Account
for traveling Expenses and re-
quests that it may be
allowed.

Papers filed — and
office 15 Aug 1836

July 2nd

War Department.
2nd July 1836

My Dear Sir

In order that you may have my case in a tangible form I send you my account. If you can do any thing for me, I shall be much gratified.

Your sincere friend
Wm M. Davis

Hon.
Lewis Cass
Secry of War

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I have had the within submitted for my written opinion. I know Maj Davis' attention has from the date of his appointment been abstracted from all other pursuits and that in this laborious service his health has been much impaired if his constitution is not irrecoverably lost. I would under all the circumstances think it but an act of justice from the Government to allow the same

Cherokee Agency East
Feby 27 1836

Dent Lowrey Supt
Cherokee Removals

I would most respectfully recommend the payment of the within Account.

M. M. Batten and
1 Lieut 6th Infantry
Disbursing Agent
Cherokee Removals

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The United States,

To Wm H Davis (Enrolling & Appraising Agent. Dr.

Date.		Dollars	Cents.
	To a Term of 57 days commencing on the 9th Inst & ending on the 4th August 1835 while absent from the Cherokee Country on furlough – During this period I was on expense on visiting Kentucky to bring my family to the Nation where my employment has prevented me from embarking in other pursuits and has entirely abstracted my attention from all other except public business. The instructions of the Superintendent from the Comy Genl Subsistence & Secty of War I am aware does not authorize him to make this allowance but this claim is recommended by me as a just one & it is submitted for the action of the Department believing they will, on considering the precarious terms by which I hold the appointment & the loss incident to irregular employment without hesitation allow the same as a precedent for the above I will cite the Department to a similar allowance to my self from the 5th Aug 1832 up to the 20th Octr the day I was finally discharged from service at $4 per day	$228	00

Wm H. Davis
Enrolling and Appraising Agent

Received

183

of

Agent of the United States for

the Removal and Subsistence of Indians,

Dollars,

and

Cents, in full of the above Account.

Copy of letter to Secy of War recommending the allowance to Maj. Wm. M. Davis of $228. for services in the Cherokee Nation

~~Letter to Secy of War~~
~~See Requisition of this day~~

See letter to the Auditor of June 13/1836

Paid out of Remd. & Subs. of Indians.

2 enc Commrs

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Copy.

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of War.

Emigration of Indians
Off. Com. Gen. Subs.
18 March 1836.

Sir,

I have carefully examined the claim of William M. Davis Esq. late enrolling and appraising agent, herewith. I agree with Maj. Currey, and Lieut. Batman as to its justness, and respectfully recommend that it be allowed.

I have the honor &c
Sig.
Geo. Gibson
C.G.S.

Allowed
Sig. L.C.

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Emigration of Indians,
Office Comy. Genl. of Subsis:
Washington, 21 March, 1836.

Sir:-

Lieutenant Batman has been instructed to pay you 328$ for your services from 9th June to 4th August 1835.-

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
G. G. Gibson

Major William M. Davis
Calhoun, Tennessee

March 23. 1831

From

Geo Gibson C. G. S.

Inclosing blank
Statements of articles
due the Indians &c

Entered Folio 125
Letter Book C.

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Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Gen. of Subs.
March 23. 1836

Benjamin F. Currey Esq.
Supt. Cherokee Removal
Calhoun
Tennessee.

Sir,

Herewith are blank "Statements of Articles due the Indians, &c", on which you will please to enter all the articles you have on hand that are intended for delivery to the Indians, taking care to fill up the blanks in the heading.

The first statement will embrace the articles turned over to you by Mr. Montgomery the former agent, with all others received by you since that time, and will be made up to the end of the present quarter.

Your early attention to this matter is requested; and hereafter you will render the statement quarterly so long as you have any of the items on hand.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo Gibson Com 55

Lh Baltimore

1836

Cherokee

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Received Fort Coffee Choctaw Agency July 1st 1836, of Lieut. M. W. Batman two blank abstracts of Disbursements, Two Blank Estimate of funds required Five blank Statements of Agents, &c. eight blank abstracts of Provisions issued to Indians Eighteen blank abstracts of forage issued to horses employed removing Indians, Two blank abstracts of Disbursements on acct. of Transportation, eight blank abstracts of Disbursements on account of Subsistence two blank accounts Current Two blank Monthly abstracts of Disbursements, two blank Monthly abstracts on account of Transportation two blank Monthly abstracts of Disbursements for Contingencies, One Blank return of property rec.d and issued, Seven blank returns of Provisions & Forage, One hundred and forty one blank duplicate receipts, Six blank Contracts, Six blank Contracts & bonds, Two blank Books (Provision returns) one blank book Forage returns, Twenty six Cabins log, two & a fourth quires Common paper, Fourteen quires Envelope paper, Seven and a half quires letter paper One Memorandum book respecting the removal of Indians One pine table one pine Desk, One Provision house log, One Regulations concerning the removal of Indians.

C. A. Hayne
Ind. Sp. & Pt. Agt.

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Lieut G. L. Howard
Return of Property &c
from Dr. M. W. Patman

1836

Recd 18 July.

Entd on Dr. Patman's
Property Rect - (Page 55)

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RETURN OF PROPERTY received and issued by Lt. C. S. Howe, Acting **Agent** in the Removal and Subsistence of Cherokees

Dates.	No of Vouchers.	From whom Received.	Blank abstracts of Disbursements for Contingencies	Blank Bills of Exchange	Blank Certificates of Agents &c.	Blank abstracts of Provisions issued to Cherokees	Abstracts of Transportation	Blank abstracts of Disbursements	Blank abstracts of Disbursements on account of transportation	Blank abstracts of Disbursements on account of Subsistence	Blank accounts current	Blank monthly abs. of Disbursements	Blank monthly abstract of Disbursements	Blank monthly abstract of Disbursements	Blank returns of Indians	Blank Returns of Provisions and Forage	Blank Duplicate Vouchers	Blank Contracts	Blank Contracts & Bonds	Blank Book Provision Returns	Blank Book Forage Returns	Cabins log	Common Paper	Envelope Paper	Letter Paper	Memorandum Book	Pins	Table	Pins Desk	Provision Journal	Regulations governing the removal of Indians
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July 1st		Lt. M. W. Batman	2	2	5	8	18	2	8	2	2	2	2	1	7	141	6	6	2	1	26	24	14	7½	1	1	1	1	1		
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Settlement of
B. F. Curney's
Acct in Cherokee
Rem.l 3 qr. 1836.

Ent. H.W.B.

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Memo: of the Settlement of the accounts of Benjamin F. Currey, Supt. Cherokee Emigration for 3d qr 1836

No Disbursements were made in this qr., nor any public moneys received by Mr. C and therefore the account remains as it was the preceding qr. to wit:

Balance due U States $6,146=50¾

Mr. Currey has also on hand, and for which he is accountable, 391 Rifles, 131 blankets, and 425 Kettles, purchased for the Cherokees in accordance with the Treaty of 6th May 1828 with those Indians

T. Wraught
Clerk

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Examination of the accts of Capt. J. Brown for Cherokees West – 4th Qr. 1836.

WAW.

no disbursements.

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Examination of the Account of Capt. Jacob Brown U.S.A. for disbursements for the Cherokees in the 4th qr. of 1836.

There were no expenditures made in that quarter as appears by Capt. B's acct. Curr. on which he returns from the 3d qr. 1836 a Balance due the United States of $904.23-8

War Department
Office Indian Affairs
March 27. 1837.
P.H.W. clk.

Memorandum
of settlement,
Lieut. J. Van Horne.
Cherokees —— 3rd. qr. 1836

Ent. 1113.

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Memorandum of the Settlement of the Acc. of Lieut. J. Van Horne disbursing Agt. Cherokees, for disbursements made during the 3rd. qr. 1836

Subsistence		Contingencies		*Gratuity		Total		
91	44	28	44	1.210	"	1.329	88	

To Balance due the U States 30 June 1836 ..... $5.675.29
By disbursements pr. Abstracts 1.329.88
To Balance due the United States 30 Sept. 36 $ 4.345.41

* The Comm.r Genl. in a letter to Lt. Van Horne dated 9 Sept. 1836, referring to instruction which had been rec.d from the Sec.y of War, writes thus. — "It is not "necessary that the Company consist of five or more to entitle them to the gratuity; if it "consist even of two, each is entitled to receive a gratuity of $10; but if in any "case, an emigrant has removed alone, separate from any such companion or "companions, he will not receive the gratuity, and the practice of paying it "to such ~~individuals~~ individuals will cease in future."

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1834 Chicago

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Genl. Wm Clark
Washington 24th Apl.
1834

Respecting certain Potawatamies encamped near Danville Ill. and who had asked assistance to aid in their removal.

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Recd Apl. 26

Washington April 24th 1834

Sir,

Adverting to a conversation had in your office a few days ago on the subject of the Puttowathamies who, by the last advices were encamped near Danville in Illinois, & who had request'd assistance to enable them to move; I have further to state that I had written to Mr Hubbard of Danville requesting him to furnish those Indians with some Corn & Beef, and so soon as their horses could subsist on the grass to employ Mr Berry (a gentleman recommended by Mr Hubbard himself) to accompany the party to St Louis. I believe the number of the party encamped near the residence of Mr Hubbard in Illinois, was stated to me to be about one hundred, and a similar number of the same band was

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then encamped about sixty miles beyond them, on the Iroquois River awaiting assistance to enable them to proceed to their Lands now occupied by the Kickapoo Prophets Band near Fort Leavenworth, with whom it is their wish to reside; It is proper to state that my operations thus far, in regard to the removal of those Indians grew out of instructions received from the Office of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to which I had communicated the situation of the first party of Pottawattamies who were encamped near Danville, - As the duty of moving & provisioning emigrating Indians appears to have been assigned exclusively to the Commissary General of Subsistance, it will be necessary that instructions be given from that Department authorising their removal & providing for the Expenses thereof, The provisions to subsist

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them on their Lands, has already been Contracted for being Embraced in the Contract of Col: Bailey of 1st Sept. last for supplying the Kickapoos & Puttawatamies

I have the honour to be with sentiments of high respect your Obt. Serv.

Wm Clark

Genl. G. Gibson
Comr. Genl.
Of Indian

Emig^n 216. Chicago

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Genl. Wm Clark
St. Louis Aug. 13th 1834

Think the 134 Pottawat.
Indy. mentioned in Mr
Marshal's letter are
a part of those under Vance

understand that Mr.
Gordon has settled with
Mr. Vance for provisions
taken &c to St. Louis

Mr. Vance has been paid by
Gen. Clark for his services
at the rate of the same
per diem allowance given
to Capt. Gordon

Suggests some change
in the forms of Ackts &c

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Rec'd 27 aug^t. Superintendt of Ind^n affairs,
St. Louis, Augt. 13. 1834.

Sir,

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of Major Hook's letter of the 28th ult.

It is, I think, likely, the 134 Pottowattamies stated in Mr. Marshall's letter to have been removed from Indiana by him, are a part of those who came out from near Danville, under the charge of Mr. J. W. Vance, as far as this city, and have been conducted hence, west, by Mr. Gordon, in accordance with your instructions. This is the more probable, as no accounts or vouchers of any description, have reached this office from Mr Marshall, for expenditures made by him, nor has he even alluded to any, although a letter dated as late as the 30th June, has been received from him. And I understand Mr. Gordon has already settled with Mr. Vance for all the provisions furnished to those Indians during the past winter & spring, and also for their subsistence & transportation to this place.

You are aware, that a Mr. Berry

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had been authorised by me to bring on those Indians, but declined doing so.- Mr. Vance being well acquainted with them, and feeling a considerable interest in their behalf, undertook, at their earnest solicitation, the task of conducting them hither, altho' without being instructed to that effect.- I am informed he performed the duty to their entire satisfaction, and with prudence and economy. I have therefore paid his account for this service, allowing him the same per diem compensation which Mr. Gordon is entitled to receive for conducting the same Indians.

A few days after Mr. Gordon had left this place with these Pottowattamies, a small party of the same band, consisting of eleven persons, chiefly women and children, headed by Mat-che-Ke-Kaw-bah, or "Bad boy" arrived. They had been, as they stated, without provisions during the two days previous, the means of purchasing furnished them upon starting, which were very limited - having been entirely exhausted. This party rested in this neighborhood, about four days, during which time they were supplied with provisions.- A sufficient quantity to last them a few days was also given them on starting,

together with a few groceries for some who were unwell, and twenty dollars in silver to purchase provisions, &c after those taken with them should become exhausted. — They were urged to endeavor to overtake Mr. Gordon, and promised to do so, altho' they apprehended the fatigued state of their horses would render it impracticable.

I am thus particular in this matter, in order to show the difficulty of adhering to the prescribed forms, when a small party of emigrating Indians, like the foregoing arrive here, unaccompanied by a conducting agent of any grade, and whose fewness in number would certainly not justify the employment of one. When arrived here, they uniformly state that upon leaving their homes, the strongest assurances had been made that everything necessary to the further comfortable prosecution of their journey, would be furnished by me, upon reaching this point. They plead fatigue, and some among them sickness, and remain some days to recruit themselves and their horses. During their stay, they have to be furnished with provisions & usually a small quantity of groceries; upon starting they also require a greater or less quantity of these articles,

and likewise a little powder, and lead, and money to buy provisions when those taken with them are exhausted, to pay ferriages, &c &c. In short, the means of reaching their new lands must be furnished them. Under these circumstances, as already observed, it is impracticable to adhere to the forms prescribed. I therefore take the liberty of enquiring whether, in cases of a character similar to that of the small bands just mentioned, those forms cannot be modified to suit the circumstances; and whether the receipted bills for provisions &c. furnished the Indians, and their own receipt, properly witnessed, for such reasonable sums in cash as I may find it necessary to advance them, will be considered by you as proper vouchers, and be allowed by the accounting officers.

Respectfully,
I have the honor to be,
Your ob. Svt.

Wm. Clark

Genl. Geo: Gibson
Comm.y Genl. Subs.

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Genl. Wm Clark
St. Louis, 13th Oct 1834

Enclosing a letter with propositions from Col. Baily for a contract. Col. B declines to contract on the same terms as those of his present one but proposes to furnish rations at 8 Cents.

Gen. C. thinks that Col B. will lose on his present contract in consequence of the No. of Inds. being less than was expected when it was made &c.

Enclosing letter with proposal for contract from Col Bailey—

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(Copy)

Original referred to
Office Ind. Aff. — Nov 2d. 1834

General William Clark
Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
St. Louis.

Fort Leavenworth 1st. Oct. 1834

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a muster roll of three companies of Pottawatamie Indians # that have emigrated west of the Mississippi, and are now on the Kickapoo lands. And I would remark that it is important their annuity should be sent to them as soon as possible. They are disappointed by its not coming on with the Kickapoos and other Indians that are now about receiving theirs at this place. I am residing with Captain Alley on the Kickapoos land, about five miles from Fort Leavenworth for the present. Please inform me if it will be required of me to make quarterly returns; if so send me some instructions as to time, form, &c, as I shall need them at the start.

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. St
Signed / Anthony L. Davis.

The roll contains 441 —

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Troy - Lincoln Co. Oct 6th 1834

Genl. William Clark
Supt. Ind. affairs
St Louis

Sir, I received your communication of Sept 23d also a copy of a letter of the 5th of Sept. from the Commissary Genl. of Subsistance - by the regular mail - But I have been prevented from answering yours untill now, from sickness - as it regards entering into a general contract for furnishing rations for all Indians that may emigrate west of the Mississippi without a knowledge of the different points of location and the number of Indians to be furnished rations - at my present contract price - Injustice to myself I must decline - However I will furnish all emigrants that will receive their rations at my present spring house on the Pottawattamie Lands for my present contract price, deducting the prime cost of the beef - for the diminished quarter of a pound, on all Beef rations I joined regulating the price of the Beef by the contract price for furnishing Beef to the troops at Cantonment Leavenworth - And this Sir, I assume you should not do - Injustice to myself - were not my houses, and lots, are built - and I would thereby avoid that expense

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I have not made, from the best calculation that I can come at, ten Dollars profit on my present contract I have contracted for, and have on hand together what will furnish the 308 Indians that I am now feeding untill their respective times will expire or receiveing rations from the Govt — I would enter into a contract for furnishing rations to all Pottawattamies and Wyandotts that may emigrate west of our State on their Lands — Or all Indians whatever that may emigrate and be located under your Supervision within three years from the first of Octr Inst, for Eight cents per ration, Should such locations be within one hundred miles of our present State Line — I am satisfied that Govt would make a saveing of some thousand Dollars by letting the contract for furnishing generally to some Prompt, Responsible person at a fair price — and I have always been Impressed with the Idea that it was not the wish of our Govt that a contractor should furnish for a less sum than a fair compensation for all necessary trouble and expence — I have long since made a minute calculation of the expence for furnishing rations for the Pottawattamies that was supposed would emigrate west of Mo Supposing the Noddaway river to be the most western point of location and eight cents per ration is the lowest rate that it could be furnished at — and that too by haveing the exclusive privedige of furnishing all rations for a limited time, to prevent competition in purchaseing — and to enable a contractor to build a temporary mill to make his meal as that is an article that will not keep, and the contractor

is compelled to have it, at exact times, for Spring
and it is frequently attended with extra trouble and
expence, and if he provides large supplies it is sure
to heat - and it is then rejected - and a total loss -
there is several water courses that the contractor will
have to contend with; on one of them (the Platt) a ferry would
have to be erected, as it is seldom forrandable for Waggons
and a land Transportation from sixty to an hundred
miles - for sometimes we are obliged to go to the interiour
for Breadstuffs; supplies cannot allways be procured
on the borders of the state - I have been compelled to
purchase Beef 150 miles within the frontier settlements:
at every point of Spring there must be Dwelling House,
Stone Houses, corn cribs, lots for cattle, yards. Weights
Scales - Measures - Bags without Number - roads to open,
and men to be employed to attend the Spring and to
protect the provisions - and all this amounts to a large
expenditure and sweeps all of the profits - contracts
when let at our little Villages to the lowest bidder
where the Speculators know each other - there are
frequently combinations and they go very high -
when the corn contract was let at Liberty in Sept.
last for furnishing the Dragoons at Cant. Leavenworth
those disposed to put in proposals combined, and the
lowest bid was ninety five cents per Bushel - but
in consequence of the supposed combination the quarter
Master refused the bid - and Col. Thornton the lowest
Bidder as I was informed was about to commence
suit for his contract - However the contract for the
delivery of the corn was let on the next day by private
contract to an individual at Sixty seven cents per Bushel -

To give a more accurate Idea of the upper Country prices for produce, I will here give the Contract price for furnishing the Troops, at Cant. Leavenworth this year — (there being Several Companys, and persons in the Vicinity of Liberty having put in bids) So wit — Pork $10,75 per lbb. Flour $6,50 per lbb — Corn 67 cents per Bushel — Beef I do not Know the price this year It was $2,74cts per cwt. last year — Dear Sir — I hope you will Excuse me — for thus troubling you with Such a lengthy Detail of Matters and things we asked for — I would Very much like a Contract could I get a Saveing one, as that is a business that I have so long followed I am Lost when I am not Engaged in one, But the General proposition as Set forth in your Communication would not justify me in Excepting of it —

However I feel very grateful to the Commissary Genl and to you — for conferring me the offer of renewing and extending my Contract —

I am Most Respectfully
your Obt Servt —
David Bailey

Recorded

P. S. I Shall be in St Louis as Soon as my Health will permit —
D. Bailey

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Rec'd 27 Oct

Superintendency of Ind: Affairs
St. Louis Oct: 13th, 1834.

Sir

On the receipt of your letter of the 5th ult: in relation to the reduced fresh meat ration, and also directing a contract to be made with Col: Bailey on the terms of his present contract, with a proper difference for the reduced meat ration &c. I immediately furnished him with a copy of the letter, and also an extract from it to the issuing Agent, for his information & government. I have received from Col: Bailey an answer, which I take the liberty of enclosing to you, in which he endeavors to shew the impracticability of filling contracts of the kind at the present price, without loss. I have learned from him, as well as from other sources, that one great inducement with some of those who offer for

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those small contracts was to enable them to Trade with the Tribes whom they furnish. Col: Bailey has never been known to sell any thing to, or engage in any Trade whatever with the Indians. The late contractor for furnishing the Shawanoes (Moses G. Wilson) offered Col: Bailey as I am informed, to withdraw his bid if Bailey would let him do the issuing, which he offered to do for nothing, provided he (Bailey) would let him trade, and which proposition the latter refused, saying he believed it to be contrary to Law.

There appears to be a misapprehension of the true state of Col: Baileys Contract of the 1st Sept: 1833. By a reference to the record of that contract, the original of which is, I presume, in your office, it will be seen that he was bound to furnish not only from 6 to 7 Hundred rations per day to the Kickapoos & Puttowattamies then on their Lands near Fort Leavenworth, for the space

of

of Eight Months from the 21st Sept: 1833, – but also "to supply to the Pottowattamie Indians who "are expected from Indiana, at the Kickapoo Lands "above mentioned, such quantity of provisions as "may be required by their Agent, to be delivered "by said Bailey at the two points to be designated "as aforesaid, and which last quantity will be "from 3 to 4 hundred rations per day, for the space "of one year from the time of arrival of said "last mentioned Indians on the lands aforesaid."

The Kickapoos to whom Col: Bailey is now issuing rations, are those who have joined from the Mississippi, and from Kish=kos Band – the numbers from each party & period of arrival being noted on the Muster Rolls which have been forwarded to you.

Previous to the making of the Contract with Col: Bailey, it was reported to me that Col: Sands was about to accompany an Emigrating party of 256 Pottowattamies from Indiana; these as you will perceive from the above quo=tation

tation were provided for in the contract, as well as such other parties of that Tribe as might emigrate within a year. It appears by the Muster Role accompanying thy communication that 64 of the 256 who were to emigrate under Col: Sands had arrived on the Kickapoo Lands on the 25 Augt: 1833.— having crossed the Mississi: some distance above this place. Those who emigrated under Mr. Gordon (being 199) reached their destination on the 10th August last. The number of Indians fed by the contractor does not at any time come up to the number named in the contract, of which were expected to emigrate within the year provided for; and I am inclined to the belief (as Col: Bailey states) that it has been a losing concern with him, by reason of their numbers being so much less than he had made arrangements to issue to.

I would here beg leave to express the

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And have the honor to be
With great respect
Your most obt. Serv.
Wm Clark

P. S. The letter of Sub Agent Davis which accompanied the Muster Role of the Puttowattamies is also herewith forwarded. The annuity due those Indians should, in my opinion, be paid promptly, as it is indispensable to their comfort.

Genl. George Gibson
Commy Genl. Subsistence
Washington City.

the opinion, that in the end it would most likely be a saving to the Government if Col: Bailey's proposals were accepted, although ~~there~~ there might probably be bids for some of the many contracts which may have to be made, at a less price than eight cents per ration. of this I feel confident, that whatever would be undertaken by him would be executed to the entire satisfaction of the Government & the Indians, should it even prove a losing contract to himself - which is not impossible, judging from the rising prices of produce of late; and an infinity of trouble & expense would be saved to the Government by avoiding the employment of so many persons necessarily incidental to the execution of the various contracts contemplated.

The decision of this matter rests with you I presume; but as there is ample time to advertise for proposals in case the proposition now made is not acceptable, I have deemed it but right to forward Col: Baileys letter.

And

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Genl William Clark
Supt of Indn affairs
St Louis - Mo

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Troy Lincoln County Mo Oct 3d 1834

Genl William Clark
Supt of Indn affairs

Sir

your communication of ~~Oct the~~ 29 and an Extract of a letter from the commissary Genl of Subsistance bearing Date Sept the 5th 1834 have been duly received and Sir, in answer to which permit me to say, it would be impossible for me to furnish those Small Emigrating partys at St Louis as they pass through the city to their Land for my present contract price, It would become necessary for me in that case to employ an agent, and rent a Stone house, and be prepared at all times to furnish at a moments warning, the Expense of which would cost at Least twice as much as I would receive for the rations, In fact the provisions themselfs Purchased at St Louis would cost more than I get pr ration, Setting aside the other Expences of attending to it — yet Should you give me the contract for furnishing all Indians as I heretofore proposed — and you Should wish to make the furnishing of those Small Emigrating partys when at St Louis a part of said contract, I Should not object to it, because the whole amount of Loss would be no object in a contract of any Extent — but under the present contract I must Decline — I am Most Respectfully your Obt Servant

David Bailey

Mng 236. Chicago

Genl. Wm Clark
St Louis 10th Mar. 1834

Col. Bailey declines to furnish such small parties of Indians as may pass through St Louis to their lands

He sends a letter from Col. B. on the subject.

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Recd Nov 24th

Superintendency of Ind: Affairs
St. Louis Nov. 10th 1834.

Sir

I some time since furnished the Contractor for supplying the Puttowattamies an Extract from your letter of 5th Sept: in which you suggested a mode by which he might issue rations to such small parties of emigrating Indians as might pass to their lands through this place, and have received his answer thereto, (which I had requested,) with his reasons for declining the acceptance of my proposition. His letter is herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your most obt. Servt.
Wm Clark

Genl. Geo: Gibson
Comm: Genl. Subsistence

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Envg 244 Chicago

Genl. Wm Clark
St. Louis, Decr. 26th 1834

Has recd. letter 24 Octor:
relative to agricultural
implements.

May Commrs. have
been instructed.

The Potts. are on
the Kickapoo lands. &c

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Rec.d 9.th Jan.y

Superintendy of Ind.n affairs,
St. Louis, Dec. 26, 1834.

Sir,

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of 24th ult. on the subject of agricultural implements for the Potawatamies, &c.

The necessary instructions called for by your letter, have been given to Major Cummins; and the further action required by it will be had as early as possible.

In my accounts to be rendered your office, for the present quarter, the $247. already advanced for agricultural implements, will be included, accompanied, of course, by Major Cummins' receipt for that amount. His vouchers for the expenditure thereof, will be found in Abstract N. of his accounts rendered the Comm.r Ind. Aff.s for quarter end.g 30th June 1834 — among which, will likewise be seen the necessary proof of delivery, &c.

In answer to your enquiry "whether the "Potawatamies are still on the Kickapoo lands, "and whether they do not intend speedily to settle "on their own," — I will state, that they still are on the Kickapoo lands; nor do I know of any lands assigned the Pottawatamies, on the West of the Mississippi, tho' I have understood that a considerable tract

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is contemplated by the last treaty concluded at Chicago, to be designed for the use of the Potawatamie Nation:- this treaty is not yet ratified.

With high respect,
I have the honor to be,
Your ob: Svt.

Wm Clark

Gen: Geo: Gibson
Commissary Genl Subs:
Washington.

Comp 44 Chicago

Wm. Gordon
St. Charles Boun Co.
July 19th 1834

Found on his arrival in Ill: the Lady had started West under J. W. Vance has dismissed Vance and is in charge of them himself - sends a muster roll

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Rec. 4 Aug

Emigration of Indians
St Charles county Missouri
July 17. 1834

To
Genl George Gibson
Commg Genl Subsistence
Washington City

Dear Sir

On my arrival in Illinois I found that the Indians contemplated in my instructions from you of June 4th had started for St Louis under the conduct of John W Vance who had taken upon himself to move them under the instruction from Genl Clark to Mr Dubbard who had declined.

Mr Vance had furnished them with two small waggons, a small quantity of provision and a supply of ammunition by which means they were enabled to reach St Louis on the 11th inst. I took charge of them on the 12th " The actual expenditures of Mr Vance I have refunded him, and also

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paid him for what he furnished himself.
The pay for the back travel of his waggons I have not yet made - That and the rate of compensation for his personal services I preferred being determined by yourself.

Owing to the very limited aid which had been furnished the Indians and the consequent exhaustion of their own horses it became necessary, and I have accordingly employed, two large waggons and one small one, which I believe will be sufficient -

On the 16th inst the Indians then encamped near St Louis requested to be permitted to remain in camp for six or eight days, stating that their horses were unable to travel, and also that they had business with Genl Clark who had not returned from Washington - I refused to grant their request and urged them to start which after a long consultation they refused to do - I then discharged the teams from employ and suspended the issues of provisions - Two days starving brought them to their senses and every thing goes on well at present. I have taught

P.S. wil roll

them that I am superintending their removal, and not they mine, as I know has been too much the case in in many instances in this country with others - henceforth I apprehend no difficulty -

Owing to the extreme heat of the weather, and the scarcity of water I shall not be able I fear to make more than about 15 miles per day - at that rate it will require from 25 to 30 days to complete the journey -

The Indians being all professors of religion I have consented to lay by Sundays that they may perform their religious devotions -

Please inform me as early as convenient in regard to Vance's compensation -

I am Dear Sir
Very Sincerely
Your friend
& Obt Servt
Wm London
Actg Asst Agt Ren. Ind

P.S. Accompanying you will receive a muster roll of the indians
Wl

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Emig 48 Chicago

Capt. W. Gordon
St. Louis, Oct 1st 1834

He sends Abstracts & vouchers. — Explains his accounts — says as Mr. J. Vance did not conduct certain indians as was supposed, the Compensation authorized to be paid him was paid to Joel Vasseur who did in fact conduct said Indians

Sends Contracts & Muster roll No of Inds 199. distance removed 570 miles &c

Rec'd Oct 8th 1834
Com'd
Explained

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Recd 18 Octr

St Louis Oct 1st 1834

To

Genl George Gibson
Commy Gen. Subsistence
Washington City

Sir

I have the Honor to inform that I have performed the duties which you confided the execution of to me by your letter of instructions of the 8th June last in regard to the Removal of the Potawatamie Indians from Danville Illinois, and herewith submit Abstracts and vouchers of the transactions in relation thereto — When I took Charge of the Indians on the 12th July I found that the previous proceedings in relation to the matter of their Removal were of such a character as to call for the exercise of the discretionary powers which you had conferred on me — Mr Vance presented his claim for various articles of subsistence and forage which he had furnished the Indians under sanction of Genl Clarks instructions to Mr Hubbard — Included in this account of Mr Vance's was one or two items which could not be said to be recognized by the instructions of Genl Clark (viz) the small charge which is presented in Voucher No 4. of contingencies for linnen for a tent and also the charge for ammunition included in the same Voucher — As the ammunition had been used in providing them the means of subsistence on their route and thereby lessening in a very great degree the expense which would have otherwise been incurred I thought it expedient to allow and pay it — The other for the tent cloth was also allowed from the consideration that as it was all the claim of that nature which was presented and trifling in its amount, that it was better to do so at once than to incur the trouble of a future presentation of it — This was the only demand in the shape of Debts that was brought up against them —

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Subsequent to the date of my communication to you of the 20 July in which I asked your advice in regard to the allowance which I should make to Mr John W Vance as a compensation for his services in conducting the Indians I became acquainted with the fact that Mr Vance had in no way been employed in that service, but that the Indians had been conducted to St Louis by Mr Noel Vasseur under authority of a letter of instructions from Mr Wm Marshall U. S. Indian Agent at Logansport a copy of which is herewith forwarded, and that Mr Vance had come of his own accord and had overtaken the party under charge of Mr Vasseur some fifty or sixty miles on their route —

Under this state of facts I thought it just and proper to withhold the allowance of three Dollars per day which you authorized me to make to Mr Vance and pay the amount to Mr Vasseur who had performed the service —

All the expenditures incident to the Removal previous to my taking charge of the party at St Louis on the 12 July are included in the contingent account as I could make no better classification of them, and hope that course will meet your approbation — The expenditures for forage subsequent to my taking charge of the Indians are also included in the same account The amount being inconsiderable and the circumstances in which I was placed, having no competent person to assist me in regular issues of such articles led to the adoption of this course —

I should have made my returns some time since but that I was waiting for Voucher (No 7) under the head of Transportation which as it did not occur to me as being necessary at the time I had neglected to take — It has not yet been recieved but I expect it in a few days, and will forward it

immediately —

Voucher No 18 of the contingent account covers a variety of expenses which were necessarily made for my personal expenses and for occasional subsistence of the persons attached to the Removal — I found it frequently necessary to give them their meals at public houses on the road or to incur much heavier expense by the detention which would otherwise been required for them to stop to prepare their own meals — The whole expense of that kind falls far short of what would have hired a cook, whose services by this arrangement was dispensed with —

The contracts entered into with Messrs Kennerly and Martin for waggon hire are herewith forwarded as is also a Muster Roll shewing the number of Indians Removed —

You will percieve the whole number to be 199 — The distance about five hundred and seventy miles and the total expense, including that made under Genl Clarks and Mr Marshalls instructions, to amount to One thousand, seven hundred & ninety eight dollars and Eighty nine cents —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
your most obt Servt
Wm Gordon
actg asst Agt
Pot. Reme

Note: Mr. Vance makes a claim for personal services, and for return pay for teams. See letter to Mr. Gordon & to Vance, dated Apl 25th 1835.

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56. Emig of Chicago referred
Augt 5. 1834

Indian Office

Th. J. V. Owens
Chicago, July 23d 1834.

Mr. Owen, (Agt Pott. at Chicago) states there will be no difficulty in getting consent of indians to the conditions annexed to the Senate's ratification of the Chicago Treaty.

asks, if he gets the consent of inds do whether it will be necessary to go west with the exploring party — The indians do not want to go on this expedition — but are perfectly content to remove se.

Respectfully referred to the Commr of Ind. Affs of Subsistence. Off Ind Affs
Aug. 5. 1834
W Ward

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Referred Aug 5

Indian Agency Chicago
July 23. 1834

Honorable
Lewis Cass,
Secretary of War,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two communications dated the 26th ultimo. together with the accompanying documents.

I flatter myself that there will be no difficulty in procuring the consent of the Indians to a change in the boundary line of the lands allotted to them by the late Chicago Treaty, in conformity with the resolution of the Senate on that subject; I shall avail myself of the earliest opportunity possible to ascertain, when you will be informed of the result. The most conspicuous chiefs of the Tribe with whom I have already conversed on the subject assure me that the Indians are prepared to conform to the wishes of the Government and to Emigrate West of the Mississippi as soon as the means are furnished them, they conceive it entirely unnecessary (as I informed Porter by letter dated 30 April last) to send an exploring party to look at the country, as they are not only desirous but even anxious to leave a country in which the game & other means of subsistence have become exhausted.

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Aug 3 Chicago

Th. J. V. Owen

Chicago Sept 22. 1834

Acknowledging the receipt of letter 11th Aug.

The Potawatamies have determined not to remove before they receive the annuities, which will not be thought to take place before Oct.

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Rec'd Oct 10th.

Indian Agency Chicago
September 22nd 1834

To Genl. George Gibson
Commissary Genl. Subsistence
Washington City,

Sir,

On my arrival here, from Logansport I found your letter of the 11th ultimo in reply to mine of the 9th ~~[illegible]~~ addressed to the Secretary of War.

Soon after I received instructions, to Co-operate with Col. Pepper in Conducting an Exploring Expedition West, I called together some of the principal Chiefs of the Potawatamie Tribe, and made known to them the wishes of the Secretary of War, after maturely considering the subject they concluded that it was entirely unnecessary to go ~~inasmuch~~ as they were ready to migrate West so soon as the Chicago Treaty of 1833 should be finally disposed of.- at all events they determined not to go until after the payment of their annuities; which it was expected would have taken place in August or early in September at farthest. In the mean time I received a letter from Col Pepper, dated at Rising Sun, Ia requesting me to meet him at St Louis or such other point as I might

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designate, I immediately communicated to him the views of the Indians of my Agency on the subject of the Expedition, since when I have not heard from him.

As the payment of annuities at this agency will not probably take place until late in next month owing to the non. arrival of the money, I apprehend that the Indians will for the present decline sending a deputation west.

I have the honor to
Very Respectfully
Your ob. Sr.
H. D. V. Owen

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1835 C-V Chicago

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Emig 264 Chicago

Genl. Wm Clark
St. Louis, May 21. 1833

Can give no information relative to the claim of John Nance.

Wishes to know whether he shall issue proposals for supplying the Potts: about to remove.

The packet addressed to Capt. Gordon forwarded to him at Chicago.

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Your ob. Svts

A. M. Clark

P.S. – The packet addressed to Capt. Gordon, are forwarded to him at Chicago.

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comm: Genl. Subsistence,
Washington

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Recd. June 3d

Superintendy of Ind. Affairs,
St. Louis, May 21. 1835.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 27th ultto, informing me that Mr John W. Vance had referred to me for information touching his claim for compensation &c.

Upon an examination of the whole subject [illegible] nothing further than what you are already possessed of, occurs to me connected with this claim. I was not at home when Mr. Vance arrived here last summer, with the Indians; but am informed by Mr Maguire, that Mr. V. acted as if he was the leader of the party, and it was not until Mr. Gordon's return from the Potawatamie lands, that I entertained any doubts of his having been really the leader of the Indns to this place. Mr Vance has been to see me since, and spoke on the subject, but nothing was elicited to enable me to afford any further information in regard to his claim for compensation.

I should like to be informed whether I am to issue proposals, or take other measures for supplying the Potawatamies about to remove West. If so, be good enough to advise me at an early day of your views & wishes.

Respectfully
I have the honor to be,

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Genl. 280 Chicago

Genl. Wm. Clark
St. Louis, 14 Sep. 1835

Have rec.d the letter of
28th Aug.t —

There is no [illegible]
the further service [illegible]
Mr. Atley, and [illegible]
has been so informed.

Mr. Davis will be
directed to attend to the
issuing to the Potts. who
may remove under Col
Owen

28 Sep.t

Rec'd 28 Sept

Superintend.t of Ind: affairs,
St. Louis, Sept.r 14. 1835.

Sir,

I have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 28th ult.o

The Kickapoos and Potowatamies near Fort Leavenworth, with the exception of about thirteen of the latter tribe, having received the year's provisions to which they were entitled, no necessity exists, I think, for the further employment of Mr. Alley. Guided by this opinion, I wrote to him, in July, informing that his services and pay would cease from the date of the last issue in August, the 12th of that month being the period for discontinuing the issues to all but the thirteen Potowatamies stated. These are entitled to Provisions until the 20th December; and to them, I directed that such commuted rations should be given as would best satisfy them, and requested Mr. Alley to make an arrangement with the contractor Col. Bailey to that effect.

As no labor, or trouble, will therefore be required as regards further issues to the Indians, mentioned, I entirely coincide with you as to the propriety of directing Mr. Davis to attend to the issues to the Potowatamies

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who are expected to remove under Col. Owen.- With my present knowledge of the nature and extent of Mr. Davis' duties, I am of opinion he will have ample time to attend to the issues in addition to what he has hitherto been required to perform. Should it, however, upon trial, be otherwise, he can be authorized to employ an Assistant, at a moderate compensation.

I shall, therefore, immediately write to Mr. Davis, and direct him to attend to the issues, should the Indians arrive.

Have the goodness to forward, with such other papers as you may consider requisite for Mr. Davis' guidance, some blank provision Checks, as I am not aware whether Mr. Alley has any on hand

Respectfully
Your ob. Svt.

Wm Clark

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Commy Genl. Subs:
Washington

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Enclosed in Genl Clark's letter recd Oct 18.

To

St Louis Oct 15th 1838

Genl William Clark
Supt Indian Affairs
St Louis Mo

Sir

In reply to your note of this date requesting me to "communicate to you the result of my trip with the exploring party of Potawatamies and whether they have selected any place for their residence, I have the honor to state that I visited the country allotted to them on the Missouri, examining particularly all such points as presented the best and most desirable locations, but it is not in my power to state with certainty where they will finally locate. The country however near the Council Bluffs on the Bowyer river is the one from all I could learn on the subject that they will select. Another place some fifty miles below, near where the Nishnabalany river enters the Missouri bottoms appeared to be esteemed by the exploring party as the second choice. It may however be necessary to state that nothing definite in this matter could be ascertained from the Indians who accompanied the expedition up to the time

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of my leaving Chicago. the indians manifesting at all times the greatest possible reserve on the subject as fearing or at least being unwilling to commit themselves. It was however understood that at the Council which was to be held near Chicago on the 20 ult that they would make a public declaration of their views generally, and before which time nothing could be ascertained from them.

Should any considerable number emigrate this fall and settle as high up as the uppermost point which I have indicated it will require great exertions and correspondingly heavy expense to provision them this winter as the country between that point and the settlements presents immense difficulties to transportation of provisions in waggons. If as is my opinion they should select that point, and not be able to get them this fall and insure subsistence I conceive that nothing would be gained by locating them temporarily at any point above the Nodaway river or some place equally near the white settlements, because it would only render the obtaining of provision more difficult and

and facilitate their arrival at the place of their permanent location but a few days next Spring. During the season of navigation it would be much the cheapest and most expeditious to transport provisions by water but it is too late now to attempt it this fall —

As regards the number of persons that will probably emigrate this fall I can give you no information whatever as I believe it would not be known before the assembling of the Council on the 20th ult. — It was my understanding in a conversation held with Col Owen that as soon as it could be ascertained that you would be informed of it, as also the place they would probable locate at, for the purpose of affording you the necessary information upon which to make the Contracts — Sufficient time has now elapsed and I as well as yourself am at a loss to account for the omission —

I observe in the extract of Capt Russells letter to the Commissary Genl of Subsistence ~~that it is stated~~ with which you have been so good as to furnish me that in one place it is stated that the Exploring party under

under my command was expected to return to Chicago by the 20. Ult. and in another place it was not expected for some ten or twenty days longer and that the contemplated movements of the emigration had been re-tarded on that account. How Capt Rupell could at the commencement of his letter expected the exploring party to arrive at Chicago by the 20th and at the close not before the 30th I cannot account, nor in fact can I account why expected the arrival to be delayed to either of those periods as I had informed Col Owen that I would arrive by the 10th of Sept. — The party did return to Chicago on the 8th consequently the delay was occasioned by fixing on so remote a period as the 20th for assembling the indians and not as stated by Capt Rupell by the protracted stay of the exploring party. It was never contemplated that the exploring party would reach Chicago before the 1st Sept, and the causes which forced it to exceed that time a few days has been stated to the Commissary General, and Col Owen was promptly informed of them in due time. I am Sir Yr Obt Svt

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Recd Oct 18.

Superintendy of Ind. Affairs,
St. Louis, October 5, 1835.

Sir,

By this days mail, I had the honor to receive Major Hook's letter of 21st ultto. with the extracts from Capt. Rupell's letter accompanying the same.

Conceiving myself authorised thereto by Major Hook's letter of 3rd June last, I published a notice for proposals for furnishing provisions for one year to such Potawatamies as were expected to emigrate to their lands west of this State, (a copy of which is herewith enclosed.) Bids were accordingly received, and opened in the presence of Col. John O'Fallon and Enoch C. March, Esq. and other gentlemen, on the 28th July. The lowest of the bidders (Wm Frasure) who responded to my notice of the acceptance of his bid, which was 7 $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars per hundred rations, came forward personally and declared his willingness to enter into a contract provided the place of delivery should not be much over a hundred miles further from the western line of the State than the point at which the Potawatamies were until recently supplied. On this subject I could give

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no certain information, but requested Mr. Frasure to bring forward his securities, which he did; but before the contract was signed by the parties, the securities requested to be permitted to decline, as they feared Mr. Frasure's ability to fulfil its conditions.- I have written to the next lowest bidders, Messrs. Samuel and Curtis, but have little hope they will adhere to their bid. I have reason to believe that the bidders generally, have heard a rumor of the probable intended location of the Potawatamies at or near the Boyer river- a distance of not less than 200 miles beyond the point at which they supposed those Indians would be located; and as it was entirely out of my power in the absence of any information either from the Department, or from the Agents employed in this emigration, to state the distance, or points of delivery in the advertisement, I cannot attach blame to those bidders who, (under their present belief) may think proper to decline, ere it is too late, involving their securities in, an engagement in which heavy losses are anticipated; and, in truth, I consider it but justice to all parties, that a new notice should be given, in which if the exact location of the Indians to be fed, cannot be given, that at least something as near thereto as practicable, may be stated.

Major Gordon arrived here a few days

since. I shall request him as soon as possible to report to me the selection which the exploring party has made, together with such other information in connexion therewith, as may be useful. In the mean time, I would respectfully suggest the inutility of inviting Proposals to furnish those, or any other Indians, until the place of their location can be stated in the notice. Without this information, the Department has no alternative than the acceptance of high and extravagant bids, or the bidders themselves, subjected to heavy loss and a failure on their part to comply, which would necessarily compel the agent to send two or three hundred miles to the settlements for Provisions, at an exorbitant expense,— neither of which would, I am persuaded, be desirable to the Government.

I would beg leave further to remark, that should the Potawatamies arrive here late in November, and the usual weather of the season should prevail, it will not be in their power to reach <u>any part</u> of their country before Spring. The country is known to present serious obstacles to transportation by Waggons, (the only mode by which their provisions could be conveyed by land) and at the usual stage of the

river at that season, water transportation would be impracticable before Spring, even should the quantity of freight justify it.

Considering all these matters, and the uncertainty (as appears by the report of the Disbursing agent, Capt. Russell) as to the number of Potawatamies who may, or may not, emigrate, I have no hesitation in saying that they will be compelled to pass the winter within or near the Western settlements of this State, and the only means I can at present think of, to obviate loss either to the Government, or the Contractor, as well as to prevent unnecessary suffering to the Indians themselves, is to invite bids "for supplying such Indians "as may emigrate in the course of this fall, "(be they more or less) - bidders to state -

" First, the price of the ration if delivered "to the Indians within one hundred miles of "the State line.

" Secondly - the price if furnished at any "intermediate point between the one just "named, and a point at, or near the Boyer "river; and

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Genl. Wm. Clark

St. Louis, Oct 5. 1835

Relating to the supplying of the Potawatamies about to remove from the Chicago Agency, with subsistence for one year on their lands West of the Mississippi. — Points out the difficulty of making a contract, growing out of the uncertainty of the Notice and of the location.

Recommends that a new advertisement be published, stating, if practicable, the location of the lands; & suggests the inutility of inviting proposals for subsis.ce unless the Dept. can furnish such information. — If the Potts. arrive late in Nov. they will have to pass the winter near the Settlements, &c. Suggests propriety of inviting bids to supply them that may remain this fall. — Encloses letter to him from Mr. Gordon

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"Thirdly – the price is delivered at the Boyer
"River. The period of issue, to be during the
"encampment of the Indians should they be
"compelled to stop ere they reach their desti-
"nation, in the first and second cases, and
"from the time they resume their journey to its
"termination, and for one year after their
"arrival, in the third case."

Those Potawatamies now with the Kickapoos, have received their full year's supply of Provisions. Should they be required to join the new emigrants, I see no reason to prevent Sub agent Davis from attending to the issues to the latter. Should they be permitted to remain with the Kickapoos with whom they are closely connected, and it be considered necessary for Mr. Davis to remain with them, Mr Alley can, in that case, be offered the appointment of issuing agent, if agreeable to the Department.

Respectfully
Your ob. Svt.

Thos Clark

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comm. of Genl. Subs"
Washington.

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Troy. Mo
Sept. 28th

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Genl William Clark
Supt Ind. affairs
St Louis Mo

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Troy Lincoln Co. Sept 28th 1835

Dear Sir

Permit me to refer you to a communication of mine to you, made about 12 months Since on the Subject of furnishing rations to the Emigrating Pottawattamies at the price of my then contract - I then Endeavoured to Shoo the impracticability of furnishing at Such Low rates - But did propose to furnish at a certain price Providing I had the privelige of furnishing all Indians and their Location did not Exceed one hundred miles from the present State line, the general opinion was then, that the Pottawattomies would Locate about the Rockaway - the Change of their Boundry by a Late treaty was not generally Known untill Since the Letting of the Last contract notwithstanding your advertisements Said the point of Delivery would be North of a Line run due west from the North west corner of the State, It was yet Believed the Rockaway was the Lower Boundry of their Lands, and that that was the most Likely point of their Location and that their bids were made accordingly - I have talked with Seven or Eight of the bidders Since the Location is supposed to be Known, and we all agree that we Deceived ourself in the point of Location, as no point was particularly refered to in the advertisement - and those whom I have talked with all agree that if the point of Location should be the River Boyer it would ruin Either of us, to be compelled to close a contract - as the Boyer is Something like two hundred miles from the Settlement, and the contractor would have his roads to open through one of the worst of countrys - Six or Eight rivers to Bridge or Erect ferry Boats to Effect crossing them, which for a Small contract for one year the Expence of transportation alone would

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amount to more money than the Contract would come to
Say nothing about the Cost of provision &c I address this line
in the way of an Excuse Should all the Bidders under me
fail to Comply with the Contract. (as I am Doubtfull the
Bidders at least many of them will Decline closing the Contract
and giveing Securitys unless compelled) and change mine So that
I will close a Contract. Should it Suit all parties, and as I View
the Matter, I think the proposition that I will hereafter
make is moderate and Reasonable, Believeing as I did that
the Woodaway would be the point of Delivery when I put
in my bid. I will furnish Provisions for the Pottawatta-
mies Providing I can have the privelige of furnishing
them all as they Emigrate, and Providing the party
that Emigrates this fall can be furnished within fifteen
or twentyfive miles of the white Settlements untill the
Spring opens, as I Believe it will be almost impopible
to open the roads, and get Provisions at their point of
Location after their arrival Sooner - for Eight cents and
a half per Ration - I would rather not close a Contract
on my present bid - altthough I have not materially
changed the price, but no man could furnish Rations
for one year to a Small party for Double the price, he
must go to the same Expence of openeen Roads building
House Corn cribs and hands to give the provision as he would
have to do had he the whole Contract &c &c - I hope
you will have the goodness to Excuse this intrusion
and make a better Bargain for the Gov than my
offer is —

I am Respectfully
your Obt Servant
David Bailey

Genl W.m Clark
Supt Ind affairs

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Rec'd 21 Oct.

Superintendt of Ind. Affairs,
St. Louis, October 8, 1835.

Sir,

I take the liberty of enclosing to you, herewith, a letter received from Col. David Bailey, of 28d ult. on the subject of provisioning the Potawatamies who are expected this fall. This gentleman is one of the bidders under my late notice, and was, it appears, mistaken as well as others, as to the distance at which provisions would have to be transported. He is willing, however, to furnish the Potawatamies at any point on their lands, for 8½ cents per ration, if allowed to furnish all those Indians as they arrive.

After well weighing the subject, I can myself see no objection to making a contract with Col. Bailey, or with any other responsible person, on these terms - they are low; and the condition which is stipulated for, appears merely to insure a certain sale of the provisions which a contractor is bound to provide, in advance, and to keep on hand, whether the Indians expected, emigrate within the period contemplated, or thereafter. It is certainly for the interest of the Government to enable a Contractor to

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furnish on the lowest possible terms; and this can only be effected by his possessing a knowledge of the whole number of Indians belonging to the tribes who have engaged to emigrate; the probable periods at which they will arrive, and the estimated numbers in each party. This information, together with a knowledge that there is a fixed period within which the whole are to emigrate, will enable a contractor to act intelligently, and to offer the lowest terms.

This letter of Col. Bailey's has reached me only to-day; and should Messrs. Samuel & Curtis decline the contract, it would be, I am disposed to believe, advisable to close with his offer. This course will supercede the necessity of further delay in the shape of advertising for further proposals, as suggested in my last; it will insure a certain supply to the Indians at a reasonable rate, and prevent the suffering which may result to them unless early measures to supply them, are taken.

Col. Bailey's bid is the next lowest I have heard from, to Messrs. Samuel & Curtis'. It was $8\frac{49}{100}$ cents per ration; his present offer is a mere trifle over, ($8\frac{50}{100}$ cents.) He has always acted with efficiency and liberality, and

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Genl Wm Clark

St Louis Oct 8 1835

Enclosed letter from Col. D. Bailey of 28th Ult. on subject of provisioning the Potts. — Thinks there are no objections to making Contract with Col. B. at 8½ cents per ration to be furnished the Inds as they arrive — and if Messrs Samuel & Curtis decline it would be well to close with his offer.

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may be depended upon to fulfil whatever he undertakes.

An early communication of your views and decision on this subject, is respectfully requested.

I have the honor to be,
Your ob. Svt.

Wm Clark

Gen. Geo. Gibson,
Commissary Genl. of Subsis^ta
Washington

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Superintendt of Ind. Affairs
St. Louis, Dec. 26. 1835.

Sir,

I have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 30th October.

I received under date of 31st October, a letter from Capt. Russell, informing that he had arrived at Fort des Moines, with about 500 Potawatamies, and that another band had crossed at the Flint Hills, under the Chief Pat-a-quo-shac, with an intention of wintering among the Sacs near the Desmoines river. He was not prepared to state the point at which those under his immediate charge would winter; but observed he would write again at the close of his journey. I have since heard from him under date of 2d inst. informing of his arrival in the neighborhood of Fort Leavenworth, with about 200 Indians, and stating he has assurances of 800 or 1000 reaching the same place in the course of six weeks.

Mr. A. L. Davis has likewise written to me, under date of 9th inst. giving information similar to that in his letter to you herewith.

Although ten cents per ration the price agreed upon by Mr. Davis with Messrs. Thompson

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and Rick, may be considered somewhat high. I have, after the best consideration I could give the subject in its various bearings, directed him to continue, under this arrangement, the issues to the Indians who came out with Capt. Russell, as well as any others of the same people who may arrive, until further instructed. I have been much influenced in this decision from having understood the Potawatamies are desirous of remaining in the country between the western line of this State and the Missouri river, and that it will be difficult to induce them to remove within the limits agreed to by them under the arrangement made the 1st October 1834. The closing of a contract for a year's supply, however guarded and conditioned, if the issues commenced where they now are, would, I apprehend, not tend to lessen the chances of a late removal to the lands assigned them, as other interests, in addition to their own wishes, might possibly be brought to bear upon the decision of the Indians. — Besides, as I understand, the contract made by Mr. Davis, can be annulled whenever it shall be thought necessary.

In anticipation, however, of the removal of the Indians to their own lands, in the Spring, I shall take immediate measures to have an unequivocal, unconditional reply in the affirmative, or negative, from the bidders under

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Genl. William Clark

St. Louis, Decr. 26, 1833 –

Receipts letter of 30th Oct. – says, recd. letter from Capt. Rupell informing of his arrival at Ft. des Moines with 500 mds. & of a band under Chief Pat – a gno. shac rosing at the Flint Hills, &c. – Capt. R. was not prepared to state at what point they under his charge would winter – Another letter informed of his (Capt. R.) arrival on Lacomb with 200 men & the number of 800 or 1000 must winter in 6 weeks. – A lett. from Davis of 9th inst. on the subject of the act accompanying to Com: Genl. Sub: – states, although 10 cent reduction is high has instructed Mr. R. to continue issues under arrangements with Messrs Thompson & Rich until further advised – also his reasons for the measure – Will require unconditional reply from bidders under his advertisement of June last &c. – Wishes to be informed if the year's supply & the 2nd which arrived under Capt R. & others that may arrive, shall commence under arrangement made by Mr. C. with Messrs Thompson & Rich &c.

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my advertisement of June last, requiring them to state whether they are prepared to come forward and close a contract agreeably to the terms of the advertisement. And as there will be sufficient time to hear from you before a contract can be closed, I should wish to be informed whether you consider it necessary to have it so conditioned as that the yearly supply to the Indians who arrived with Capt. Russell, as well as any others who may arrive, shall be considered as having commenced under the arrangement made by Mr. Davis with Messrs. Thompson & Rich — Connected with this part of the subject, it may not be improper to state, that these Indians are now about 200 miles from the point where Major Gordon understood they would locate themselves, and where it is still thought they will settle when they do remove.

Respectfully,
Your Obt. Svt.
Thos Clark S. Agt

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Commissary Genl. Subsistence
Washington

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Anthony L. Da[illegible]

Kickapoo Town

9 Decr. 183[illegible]

Receipt letter of 16 Oc[illegible]
& documents therein alluded
to. — Mentions arrival of
Capt. Russell with a
party of Potts: and that
owing to the impracticab-
bility of getting them farther
they have been left in his
charge: — Made contract
for subsisting them with
Messrs. Thompson & [illegible]
18¢ per ration until one is
made by Genl Clark, &c.

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Recd. 13 January

Kickapoo Town.
Decr 9th 1835

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comdg Genl Subsistence
Washington City

Sir

I have received your favour of the 16th Oct last also the other documents mentioned in it, Capt. Rufell arrived here with a party of Pottawatamie Indians Emigrating to their Country, the season having advanced so far it was impossible for him to get them any further this year, he thought best to leave them in my Charge. There being no Contractor for to furnish them Subsistence in readiness, I have made a Contract with Messrs Thompson & Rich to Subsist them at ten Cents per ration until relieved by the contract made by Genl Clark which I presume will soon take place This Course was the best that I could persue under the Circumstances and hope it will meet the approbation of the Department,

You may be assured that I will at all times communicate freely with you

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you on all matters touching the interest of the Indians and if I should at any time see where the efficiency of my duties could be improved I will make the suggestion I am Sir very respectfully

Your Obt Servt
Anthony L Davis
Assistant Agent
Potawatamies

Engy 5-3. Chicago

William Gordon

St. Louis, Jan 28th

1835.

Receipts letter of 1st Dec.

Forwards corrected accts.

in place of those heretofore

furnished and makes some

explanations.

Rec'd 13. Feby.

Col Geo Ellson

Comp Col Subsistence

Washington City

D.C.

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Recd 13 February

St Louis Mo. Jany 28. 1835

To
Genl Geo Gibson
Comy Genl Subsistence
Washington City

Sir

Your letter of the 1st Decr 1834 was owing to my absence at the time of its arrival not recieved until this the instant and my reply has been delayed for the purpose of acquiring the vouchers which were wanting.

The errors which you have pointed out have been corrected and I now forward corrected Abstracts for Contingencies, Transportation, and Subsistence and also a corrected account Current which I beg leave to present in place of those heretofore furnished – Corrected vouchers for the true amount which was due to William Palmer have been taken, one of which is enclosed in the abstract to which it sustains – Voucher No 7 on account of Transportation and is in like manner forwarded – A voucher sustaining my own charge for services is according to your suggestion forwarded and the error in the item of Miliage corrected and made to accord with the true distance from

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Washington to Danville which in the first statement I had to assume not knowing the precise distance - Genl Clark instructing to Mr Hubbard and Mr Vance upon which the Indians were furnished the provisions and forage contemplated in Voucher No 2 of the Contingent Account is herewith furnished -

Should you find these Returns acceptably rendered as I hope you will you will oblige me by receiving them in lieu of those heretofore furnished which I beg leave may be withdrawn or destroyed -

Most Respectfully
Yr friend & obt
Servant
Wm Gordon

P.S. There being an unexpended ballance of Seven dollars and twenty cents $7.20 in my hands and as there was no way of transmitting that amount by mail I thought best to refund it to Genl Clark and with the Account current you will receive his receipt for it - W.G.

St. Louis April 11. 1835

Rec'd 24 April

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Commissary Genl. Subs.
Washington City

Sir

I have this day received your communication of 26 March appointing me assistant agent for the removal of the Potowatomies under the Chicago Agency, I accept the appointment and have in accordance with your intimation reported to Colo. Th. J. V. Owen, Supt. of the Potowatamie Removal for duty. —

With the most lively sense of gratitude for the honor you have conferred on me, I beg leave to assure you of the high regard of,

Your friend
and Obt. Servt.
William Gordon

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No. 9

94 pgs

On Service

Emigration of Indians

FREE

Genl Geo. Gibson

Commissary Genl. Subs.

Washington City.

Capt. J. W. Gordon

Iowa, April 1835

Upon Intelligence of Blue

Jacket's Death

5 C.

Emig 63 Chicago

William Gordon

St. Louis, Oct 2d 1835

Recd. letter of 25 April —
Speaks of the claim of
Mr. Vance for the use of
his Wagon &c. from
Danville to St. Louis.

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Rec. 17 Oct

Genl George Gibson
Commissary Genl Subsistence
Washington City

Sir

Yours of 25 Apl last did not reach me until a few days ago owing to my absence - I will now state in reply that when I paid Mr Vance for sixteen days services of wagon and team from Danville to St Louis at $3 per day that it was my understanding that that sum was in full of all charges on account of the wagon either for its hire or for the subsistence of the team - I afterwards hired the same wagon ~~of~~ and team of Saml Makemson in whose charge it was left by Vance at $3.50 per day to continue further west but discharged it from service at the end of four days at the same place that it was engaged (See Voucher No 3. for Transportation) -
In regard to the claim which is made for twelve days returning from St Louis to Danville I thought that I would not be justified in allowing it without previously obtaining your

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views on the subject inasmuch as Mr Vance had furnished it without being properly required to do so, I must therefore submit that to your own decision –

"I have made additional enquiries in relation to Mr Vances accompanying the ~~Expedition~~ Indians to St Louis, and all the information I can acquire goes to confirm the fact that he done so on his own responsibility with the avowed object of settling some private business in St Louis, and my enquiries go also to establish the fact that Mr Vapeur was the person who was authorized to conduct, and did conduct the indians – I am therefore of opinion that Mr Vance has no proper or just claim to compensation for that service –

I am Sir
Most Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Jno Gordon
Actg Agt Reml Inds

St Louis Mo Oct 2nd 1835

Inns 64 Chicago

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Wm Gordon
St Louis 30 Sept. 1835

Report of his proceedings in conducting an Exploring party of Potawatamies from Chicago to the West of the Mississippi — Containing also charges against Capt. J. B. F. Russell Disbg. Agt.

The Report shews the difficulties encountered on the way, principally from obstacles created by the Indians composing the party — that the lands intended for them are good &c &c.

Contains copy of letter to Col J. D. Owen dated Sept. 11th 1835 —

Copy of letter to &c

17 Oct.

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Copy/

To

Col. Th. J. V. Owen

Supt. Rem. Indians

Sir

Since my return to this place I have learned that Capt. Rupell is by appointment of the Secretary of War discharging the duties of Superintendent for the Removal of the Potawatamies —

Not esteeming Capt. Rupell a Gentleman and having as I conceive a well founded distrust of his moral honesty, it is utterly incompatable with every feeling of my heart, and which I think every Gentleman having a proper self regard should entertain, to act in any capacity subordinate, to him, or to be in any-wise associated with him — I have therefore Sir under this state of things come to the determination should there be no immediate demand for my services which would not subject me to the command of, or association with Capt. Rupell to return immediately to St Louis, there to make out my accounts relating to the late exploring expedition, and await the orders of the department or yourself should there be further need for my services; should they be no further required, I shall nevertheless be content for I prefer sacrificing Office and Emolument rather

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rather than submitting to degradation.

Allow me Sir to express my deep and unfeigned regret that the present state of your health does not permit you, in person to discharge the duties of superintendent, and with whom it would be so pleasant for me to act,

I am Sir with great respect

Your Most Obt. Sto.

Wm. Gordon

Apt. Agt. Pem. Ind.

Chicago Septr 10th 1835

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Copy of a Communication from Capt Wm Norman Asst Adt

to Colo Owen

relative to advancement made to Assistants

To
Col Th. S. Owen
Supt. Rem. Inds

(Copy)

Sir

I hold the receipts of the following named gentlemen who accompanied the late exploring expedition under my command, for the amounts set down opposite their names respectively, on account of money advanced by me, on account of their salaries, and which you will be good enough to withhold subject to my credit —

viz

Wm Holiday	One hundred & forty eight Dollars & thirty seven cents	$148.37
	Eighty Seven Dollars and twenty five cents —	87.25
C A Beaubien	One hundred and Nineteen Dollars & twenty five cents	119.25
John H Whistler	Sixty six Dollars and Eight Cents	66.08
		420.95

I have the Honor
to be Sir
Your most obt Servt
Signed Wm Gordon
Asst Agt Reml Inds

Chicago Illinois 12th Sept 1835 —

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Emig – 8. Chicago

Th. J. V. Owen

Chicago 13th April 1835

He has rcd the letter of the 26th March, and also his appointment as Sup.r – He is ready to receive the instructions of the Com Gen.l

Rcd 29 April

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Recd 29 April

Chicago April 13. 1835

To,

Genl. George Gibson
Comy Genl. Subsistence
Washington City

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, together with my appointment, by the Secretary of War, of Superintendent of Removal of Indians, under the Treaty of Chicago of the 26th Sept. 1833.

I have also the honor to report, to the Commissary General of Subsistence, that I am prepared, upon the receipt of Instructions, to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the appointment.

Very respectfully
Your mo obt. St.
H. S. V. Owen
Supt. Rem. Ch. Pots.

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9. Engrs Chicago

Col. T. J. V. Owen
Chicago, 17 Apl 1833

Has rec.d his instructions
to act as Supt. Ind. Reml.

Rec.d 4 May

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Rec'd 4 May

Chicago April 17th 1835

To,
Genl. George Gibson
Commy Genl. Subs.
Washington City

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your instructions, for my government, in the discharge of the duties of Supdt. of Removal of Indians, under the treaty of Chicago of 1833; together with the printed Regulations and a written Circular connected with the same subject; also a copy of your instructions to Capt Russell the disbursing Agent.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt, in a separate communication, of similar documents, connected with the Exploring deputation provided for by the above mentioned Treaty, all of which will receive my prompt and undivided attention

Very Respectfully
Yr. mo. ob. St.
W. S. W. Owen Lt. Agt.
Supdt. Rmvl. Indians

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R. Ewing Chicago

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Col. Th. J. V. Owen
Chicago, 25 May 1835

A council of the Indians has been held and an exploring party raised to set out on 31 May

Requests that Capt. Russell may be authorized to pay the expense of holding the council

June 9.

Rec'd 8 June

Superintendency Removal Indians
Chicago May 25th 1835

Sir,

I have taken measures for the organization of the exploring deputation provided for by the Treaty of Chicago. On the 22nd and 23rd Inst. I held a Council with about One hundred and fifty Indians, among whom were the most influential Chiefs of the Nation, and after two days exertions, such as I have rarely heretofore met with in the transaction of business with Indians, I prevailed upon thirty Eight to enroll their names as members of the party. This day was fixed upon by me, as the time of their departure, but as several of the Indians who engaged to go, desired to return to their villages first, I postponed the time until the 31st Inst., and although great inclination was at first manifested by the Indians, and some of their advisers to defeat the organization of the party, I flatter myself that by the day now fixed, they will be in readiness to start, the precise number that will go, cannot now be ascertained, it will probably be between 35 and 50.

I was compelled to hold this Council twelve miles from Town, that the Indians might be sober, and in a condition to understand the views and wishes of the Government and their own interest, and I have been obliged to incur some expense, for the payment of which no provision has been made in the Estimate furnished me. It was necessary to employ two messengers to collect the Indians, and to supply

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them, when assembled, with a small quantity of provisions, this was done, and as I have adopted the only mode, by which the party could be organized, I hope Capt. Russell will be authorised to pay these Expenses; Capt Gordon is here, and was present at the Council, and I am happy to say, that I found in him, an able auxiliary. Capt. Russell arrived five days ago, and this morning the saddles, bridles &c. reached us.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your mo ob. st.
Th. S. Owen
Sp. Agt. & Supt. Rem. Indians

To/
Genl. George Gibson
Commissary Gen. Subs.
Washington City

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14 Ewing Chicago

Col. J. J. V. Owen.
Chicago, June 1st 1835

Says the exploring party started west on the 1 June, under Capt. Gordon.

Sends a roll of the party. If the annuities be early paid there will be a large Rem. next fall.

ans H.D. June 18. 1835

This letter submitted to the act'g Secy of War by Maj. Hooks, in my absence, & answered by him E.

The Roll enclosed, is filed on the Rett. File

17 June.

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Rec'd. 17 June

Superintendency Ills. & Indiana
Chicago June 1st 1835

Sir,

In obedience to your instructions, of the 25th of March last, I have the honor to report that on this day the Exploring deputation provided for by the Treaty of Chicago, started on their expedition West, under the Charge and Conduct of Capt. William Gordon, Assistant Emigrating Agent.

I the more readily entrusted Capt. Gordon with this duty, knowing the Confidence reposed in him by the Department, and I flatter myself that the Expedition will be judiciously conducted.

The party consisted, of Forty Indians, and an interpreter, together with three others nominated by them under a provision of the Treaty. A list, or roll, of the whole party, as organized, I have the honor to Enclose herewith.

The probable necessity of my personal Presence at the Agency before the return of the party, and the very bad state of my health, induced me to remain behind.— From present indications, I infer that no actual removal will take place, until the Indians shall have received the goods, provisions, and Annuities due them the present year, a few families Could be induced to go, but their number, it appears to me, would be too small to justify the Expenditure of a sum of money which would be nearly sufficient to meet the Expenses incident to the removal of a much larger party. If the Annuities

Can,

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can be paid early, I feel confident that a very large number will remove West next autumn.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Yr. mo. Ob. St.
W. S. A. Owen
Supdt. Rem.d Indians

To
Genl. George Gibson
Commissary Genl. Subs.
Washington City.

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15 Emig Chicago

Col. J. J. V. Owen
Chicago, June 2d. 1835

At the request of Capt. Russell he sends an estimate for the rent & subsistence of Indians for the last qr. 1835

June 17

Recd 17 June

Superintendency Rem.d Indians
Chicago. June 2nd 1835

To,

Genl Geo. Gibson,
Com.y Genl Subs.
Washington City

Sir

Capt.n Russell, when he left here, requested me to forward to your Office the enclosed Estimate, of funds required in the Removal & Subsistence of Indians for the Quarter ending 31st Dec. 1835.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Yr mo. Ob. St.
M. St. C. Crow
Supt. Rem.d Ind.ns

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Letter 16 Emig Chicago

Col. Th. J. V. Owen
Chicago, July 8th 1835

Sends a quarterly
Statement of agents
and others employed
in Ren. Indian

July 25.

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Recd 25 July

Chicago, Ills, July 8th 1835

Sir.

I have the honor, to forward herewith, Quarterly Statement of Agents & others employed in the Removal of Indians under my superintendence.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Svt
H. J. V. Owen, Supdt.
Rem. Pottawatamies

To
Genl. G. Gibson
C. G. S. U. S. Army.
Washington

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17 Emig Chicago

From
Col. Th. J. V. Owen
Chicago Ill
August 5th 1835

Encloses letter from Captain Wm. Lyndon relative to Inroads made by Explorg. Party of Potts:

Expects soon to be well enough to resume duty.

inclosure

20 August

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Recd 20 augt

Chicago Ill, August 5th 1835

To
Genl. G. Gibson
Comp Genl. of Subs.
U.S. Army.

Sir.

I cannot in any better way, communicate to you, the progress made by the Exploring party of Potawatamies, than by enclosing a copy of letter, just received from Capt Wm. Gordon, Asst. Agt.

I am Sir very Respectfully
Your Most Obdt Svt
H. J. V. Owen, Sp. Agt
Supdt. Pond-Potts.

N.B. I have so far recovered my health, as to be enabled to sit up some, & hope in a very short time that I shall be able to resume the duties of my appointment which have been temporarily transferred to Capt. Rupell.

Respectfully
H. J. V. Owen.

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(Copy)

Black Snake Hills Appa Missouri
July 14th 1835

To Lt Col Th. J. McOwen
Supt Ind Removal
Chicago Ill

Sir:

I have just time to inform you that I am here with the Exploring party. The Indian Horses having become greatly exhausted from the journey, owing to the unexampled quantity of rain which continued to fall on us during the whole of our journey, and to the disinclination of the Indians to preserve them, I was forced to stop from the 4th to the 10th inst at Fort Leavenworth, for the purpose of recruiting them. It has been the object of some few of the Indians belonging to the party, to throw every obstacle within their power in the way of the successful performance of the trip - They have been several times on the verge of turning back, and yesterday six of them did so.

I have now however fairly entered the Indian Country with what are left, and anticipate no further trouble, than what we shall necessarily have to undergo from the exhaustion of our Horses - As however there can be no retrograde movement made without absolute Mutiny, which I do not apprehend, I feel warranted of final success - You may look for me at Chicago about the 1st of September.

I am Sir Yours &c
Wm Gordon
Asst. Agt

(Signed)

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18 Emig. Chicago

From
Th. J. W. Owen

Chicago, 12 Aug.t 18

Reports that his health being restored he resumed his duty on 10th inst. — Expects to meet the Ind.s in Council preparatory to payment of their annuities & have a talk on subject of Emigration. — Thinks many will emigrate in the fall.

28 August

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Rec'd 28 Aug

Superintendency Rem'd Indians
Chicago Aug. 19th 1835

To,
Genl. Geo. Gibson
Com'r. Genl. Feb'd
Washington City,

Sir,

I have the honor, as well as the gratification, to report, that I have so far recovered my health as to discharge the duties of my appointment, which duties I resumed on the 10th Inst.

Tomorrow I meet the Indians in Council, preparatory to the payment of their annuities, and before they separate, I shall hold another talk with them upon the more important subject of Emigration, upon which occasion every possible argument will be used to induce as many as can be prevailed on [illegible]

I entertain great hopes that a very considerable number will emigrate this fall, much however depends upon the feelings, views & representations of those constituting the Exploring Party, which I hope will arrive in a few days.

I have the honor to be
With great respect Yr. Obt.
H. D. Owen
Sub. Agt. & Supt. Rem'd Poll

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(Copy)

Near Council Bluffs Upper Mo.
July 27th 1835.

To/
Col H. J. V. Owen
Supt. Pend. Indians
Chicago, Illinois

Sir

Twelve of the Indians belonging to the Party have through sheer cowardice determined to abandon the further prosecution of [the] objects of the Expedition. They have accompanied it thus far with the greatest reluctance, and have constantly endeavored to sow the seeds of discord and discontent among the others with a view of defeating entirely the Objects of the Expedition. — Under this State of facts, I have thought it advisable to consent to their return. Mr Robinson who has exercised all his influence in furtherance of the objects of the Expedition, as well as the other gentlemen attached to the expedition have advised to this course. I have allowed them to retain their horses, saddles, Bridles &c on the condition of their delivering them to you on their arrival at Chicago, or in default of doing so to be responsible for the payment, for them out of their annuities. Accompanying I send you a paper which they have signed to that effect. —

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As the Indians who leave the Party will doubtless make a prejudiced, false, and unfavorable report of the Country, I deem it necessary to state that the Country, so far as we have examined surpasses the highest expectations of all those who were disposed to give it an unprejudiced and impartial examination, and that on their arrival at Chicago I have no doubt but they will give a favorable report of it. There is no Country on Earth better adapted to the residence of the Indians. The land in point of fertility cannot be excelled, fine and extensive groves of superior timber are abundant, besides the margin of the river, which has invariably a skirt of timber varying from 3 to 10 Ten Miles wide; good Springs are in great profusion, Deer, Elk, Bear, Turkies, &c. abundant.

The St. Joseph Indian Che. base, has been Exceedingly troublesome on the whole route, and to him in a great degree may be (attributed) all the discontent and difficulties. His conduct has been uniformly bad, so much so, that I had on one occasion to inflict a slight personal Chastisement upon him.

Owing to the feebleness of our horses we will not be able to reach Chicago quite

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so soon as I had anticipated, perhaps by the 10th of September we will reach there.

I am Sir
most respectfully
Yr Ob. St.
signed. Wm. Gordon
Sprag. Indw. Rend.

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Emig - Chicago

Col. Th: J. V. Owen
Chicago, 26 Augt 1833

Encloses copy of a letter from Capt. Gordon

Certain Indians who have returned from the exploring party are endeavoring to prejudice their friends against removing &c.

inclosure

7 Sep.

Rec.d 7th

Superintendency Pawn. Ind.s
Chicago Aug. 26th 1835

To,
Genl. George Gibson
Comm.y Genl. Subs.
Washington City

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit the copy of a letter from Capt Gordon Sub Agent dated "near Council Bluffs upper Mo. July 27th 1835."

The Indians referred to, have arrived here, and as was anticipated by Capt.n Gordon, are taking pains to prejudice the Indians (who are now assembled to receive their Annuities) against the Country assigned them, I have however adopted measures to counteract any effect their misstatements might have until the return of the balance of the Party, which I regret to perceive will not probably take place until the 10th or 15th of next month, indeed the Indians who left them on the 27th & have just arrived say that they will not be here for a month to come.

This is the more to be regretted, as it will have the effect to delay the departure of those desirous to migrate this fall to so late a period, that I fear it will greatly diminish the number of Emigrants we had hoped to secure.

Although the state of my health is such, that I cannot be as efficient or as serviceable as I could desire

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20 Wing Chicago

Col. Th: J. V. Owen

Chicago 8th Sept. 1835

Hopes to get off a party of Indians, West by the 1st Oct.

This may be prevented however, by the report of the balance of the exploring party who have not yet returned

He is in bad health and wishes to go to the South for a season &c

23 Sept.

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Rec'd 23 Sept

Superintendency Pott.ms Indians
Chicago Sept.r 8th 1835

To,
Genl. George Gibson
Com.y Genl. of Subs.
Washington City

Sir,

On the 2nd instant, while the Indians were assembled for the purpose of receiving their annuities, goods, & provisions, I took occasion to have a long interview with them on the subject of their removal West, the council was very numerously attended, and the Indians were generally sober. Every thing was said to them, that would likely induce them to go, the impossibility of their remaining here and the advantages of an early emigration was particularly alluded to, in a manner which I hope had a beneficial effect. Nothing was omitted which seemed to me as proper to say on the occasion.

The Council finally ended with a promise on the part of the Indians that they would meet me at a point twelve miles West of this place, on Monday the 21st of this month, when all who purpose going this fall, will be prepared to start without delay; at that time and place, I expect a large collection of Indians, and I have strong hopes of making up a large emigrating party, but these hopes may possibly be blasted, on the return of the balance of the exploring party. The unaccountable delay of this party together with the non-arrival of part

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of the Indian goods, until the last of August has produced unexpected confusion and delay in our intended operations. The payment of annuities was not completed until the 5th inst. and it was then necessary to give the Indians time to return to their respective villages, to prepare their families for removal and to meet us at the place agreed upon, this required at least fifteen days, hence the reason of fixing the day of meeting as late as the 21st September, we cannot reasonably calculate upon getting fairly off until near the first of October.—

In the mean time Captn Russell and myself, are making such preparations as will prevent delay after the Indians shall have collected.

My health being much impaired, I have been advised by all my friends to spend the coming Winter in the South, with this view I have applied to the Secretary of War for leave of absence; as but one Emigrating party will be organized this fall, Capt. Russell is entirely willing, and fully competent to take charge of it, and with the aid of the other gentlemen connected with this business, I have no doubt but the Public interest will be as well subserved as if I was to conduct the Expedition in person

I do not know but that my application for leave of absence ought to have been made

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directly to the Commissary Genl. of Subsistence instead of the Secretary of War, if to please consider this as such application, and whether or not, might I ask your interest with the Secretary in my behalf.—

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yrs. Ob. St.
H. J. V. Owen
Supdt. Reml. Indians.

C. 16 U.S. 21. referred
Emig. Chicago -

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C. 1 p. 1 25.
Emigration
Indian Office

Col. T. J. V. Owen
Chicago Sep. 5th 1835
Relative to Capt. Bartley's
memorial: Has had an
interview with the Indians
on subject of Comm. — Their
Comm. will not depend upon
report of Exploring party —
Is sick and asks leave

ans NO Sept 22. '35
to winter in the South
to recover his health &c

✓

Cont. W.B.

Sep. 25 —

Referred & Answered by War Dept
Sept 26 35.

Chicago Sept. 5. 1835

Honorable
Lewis Cass
Secty of War
Washington City

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, in relation to Capt. Bailey, and requested will communicate the information therein contained to the other gentlemen who signed the Memorial in his behalf.

Although still in bad health, I have attended to the duties of Indian Agent as required by the Regulations, during the recent payment of Annuities and the delivery of goods & provisions, under the Chicago Treaty, which business Lieut. Jamison & myself closed this day.

I have also had an interview with the Indians on the subject of their removal West, the Council was numerously attended, and the Indians were unanimously sober, and in a long talk with them I resorted to every possible argument that suggested itself to me as likely to influence them to go; they have agreed to meet me at a Point twelve miles west of this place on monday the 21st Inst. when all who purpose going will be ready with their families, camp equipage &c. to start at once. I have strong hopes of getting off One Party, the number it may contain is yet a matter of uncertainty,

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& will somewhat depend upon the representations of the Exploring Party, some of whom have returned & the balance are hourly expected.

My Physician and all my friends here advise me by all means to spend the coming Winter in the South, and I confidently believe, from the present state of my lungs, that my health can be in no other way restored, under these circumstances, I have to ask your indulgence so far as to grant me leave of absence from the 1st of Novr. next until the first day of April succeeding. You are aware that during the Winter there can be but little done to further the removal of the Indians, & Capt. Russell has expressed his entire willingness, owing to my situation, to take charge of the Emigration this fall, and to attend to all such duties as properly devolve on me, during my absence.

I regret the necessity of this application, because it will be tedious for me to pass the Winter absent from my family, but as the recovery of my health is important to myself and family, I have asked from you this additional indulgence with a hope that it may be granted. I should not think of leaving here until every thing has been done that can be this Autumn in relation to the Removal of the Indians, & if towards the approach of Spring, I find myself still unable to be efficient in the Service, I will inform the Department,

that a Successor may be appointed in time to commence the operations of next summer at an Early Period.

Will you have the goodness, as soon as convenient to let me hear from you on this subject.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Yr. mo. Obt. Servt
A. H. V. Owen
Spl. Agent &c. &c.

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Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Detroit 7 April 1835

Reports his arrival at Detroit

The 25 May is fixed as the time of setting out with exploring party of Inds.

Rec'd 9 May.

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Rec.d May 9.

Detroit
27th April 1835.

General

Sir.

I have the honor, to report my arrival at this place, and to inform you, I am in the receipt of a letter from Colr Owen Special Agent, & Supt. Removal of the Pottawattamies - in answer to one of mine, apprising him of my having been appointed Disbursing agent, and associated with him in the removal of the Indians from Chicago. He has fixed upon the 25th of may next, as the day of departure for the exploring party - By that time, I shall have every thing in readiness, and be upon the spot.

I am Sir very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J B F Russell
Capt & Disbg Agent

To/
Emigration of Indians
Comm Genl of Subs.
Washington City.

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Capt. B. F. Russell
Ottowa, Ill: 5 June 1835

The exploring party have reached Ottowa 80 miles from Chicago.

June 25

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Recd 2 5 P.M.

Ottawa, Ills 80 miles from Chicago
5 June 1835.

To
Genl. Geo. Gibson
Sir.

I have the honor to part, that the exploring party of Potawatimies from Chicago, have reached this place, on their way to the country allotted them on the Missouri river. We have fifty in our party, and many others are offering to go, we have with us two of the principal chiefs of the tribe, Billy Caldwell & Robinson. We have every prospect of making most progress, on our journey, should we not be attacked with the Cholera, which I understand is raging at St. Louis.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt Svt
J. B. T. Russell
Capt 2d Mil Dist Ills

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Capt. J. R. F. Russell
Detroit, June 15th 1835

He has turned over to Capt. Gordon the funds for the exploring party and repaired to Detroit to report his reasons for so doing to Secy War who ordered him to return to Chicago and aid Col Owen in preparing for an Emigration expedition to take place as soon as the country is free of the Indians

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Recd 28 June

Detroit Mich. June 15th 1835

To

General G Gibson

Sir.

I have the honor to report that after my arrival at Chicago (22d May) - an Exploring party of forty five Chiefs & principal men of the Potawatamies and Ottawas was organized by Colr Owen, and the Horses and their equipments delivered to them pursuant to your instructions.

I purchased the necessary quantity of Subsistence Stores for the pack horses, and assisted Colr Owen in every other particular, which could secure the efficiency of the party, agreeably to the views of the Department -

After the distribution of all the articles by the Superte - he felt himself obliged to relinquish the idea of accompanying the party West in consequence of ill health, he then thought himself obliged by his instructions to turn over the party to Capt Wm Gordon, on this arrangement being made, I felt my position in respect to the party, materially altered, believing that ~~that~~ I was not placed on this duty as Disbg Officer subjected to the Command and direction of every Citizen - My Appte as I understand was predicated upon my being associated, and required to cooperate with the Superintendent recognized by the Departte and not any or every one that might contingently be

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placed in his situation - With the Supert. I can with pleasure serve and aid him in all public duties - his intimations would equal his commands, and no conflicting interest or opinion would occur, but in the absence of the regular Supt. I consider his mantle of right ought to fall on my shoulders, as the proper representative of the Government. If Capt Gordon can properly take the place of the Supt. why according to the principal of rotation or gradation of rank, could not the 2d Asst. Agent, or the 3d - and so on through all the grades which compose a party of Emigrating Indians, and thus subject a Military Officer to be controled by some one that you would not ~~[illegible]~~ ~~to see~~ place in the command of a party.

I however consented to go with the party organized as above, at the sacrifice of my feelings, that no impediment should be in the way, on my part to the successful termination of the expedition. I continued with the party for five or six days, until I was made a mere cipher of - Capt Gordon assuming the whole controle, making what disposition he chose of the public property - issuing of provision making bargains or contracts with Ferrymen - entering in to an arrangement with a Tavern Keeper to keep a Horse that had become lamed, and the discharging of a Teamster & his waggon and a pack man - thus deranging the whole plan of the exploring party, as organized and turned over to him by the Supt.

Finding myself of no use to the expedition I requested Colo. Owen who overtook us, about one Hundred Miles West of Chicago, to permit me to turn over to Capt Gordon the public funds intended for that object, and thus be relieved from my unpleasant situation in the party — under the existing feelings between Capt Gordon & myself, the Supt considered the course I proposed the best, and accordingly directed Capt Gordon to receive the funds, and receipt for it.

(Your instructions authorizing me, in turning over funds to Capt Gordon when the interest of the service should require it)

I have given above, a statement which I hope will be a sufficient and satisfactory explanation for the course I have taken — The views I have entertained regarding my position in the party, are respectfully submitted to your decision. On leaving the party I immediately started for this place, to report, myself to the Secretary of War, and the reasons for the course I had taken — he has directed me to return to Chicago to assist Colo Owen in the necessary arrangements for the departure of a large party of Indians, which is expected will emigrate immediately after the payment of the Annuity — an Estimate for which I have forwarded,

I am Sir, very Respectfully
your Obdt Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt & Disbg Agt

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Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Chicago, 2d July 1833

Sends a copy of a letter from Sec'y War to him directing him to take the superintendency of the Emig. Inds. in case of the ill health of Owen

Emigration of Indians

Comm'g General of Subsist
U. S. Army
Washington City
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15 July

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Chicago Ill, 2d July 1835

Sir:

I have the honor to report my arrival at this place, in company with the Secty. of War. Colr Owens health is so bad as to have caused the Secty. War to address me the following letter.

Chicago Ill, June 29th 1835

Sir:

"From the state of Colr Owen's health there is reason to fear he may not be able at all times during the season, to discharge the duties of principal agent for the removal of the Indians, and also those relating to the Chicago agency.

Should this be the case, he has been authorized to turn over to you the instructions he has received, and you will perform the duties assigned him, as long as his disability may continue.

I shall request Genl Brady to detail a Subaltern Officer, to make the necessary disbursements, should you find the services of one necessary, and should you call upon the General for that purpose".

Signed) Very Respectfy Your Obedt
Lewis Cass

To
Capt J B F Russell
U S Arty. Disbg Agt
Chicago

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Svt
J B F Russell
Capt & Disbg Agt

Letter Chicago

From Capt. J. B. S. Russell
Chicago, Ill:
21 July 1835 —

Says 12th Inf. is appointed to pay annuity to Potts. — & probably will organize party of 200 emigrants for the West, an estimate of which he incloses — Has not heard from Expl. Q. party since 16 June — Expects their return in 10 days — Forwarded on 23 June copy of order from War Dept. directing him to perform duties of Supt. of Ord. Dept. in event of Col Owen's illness. — Says Doct. Miller as Phys. Conductor awaits employment & that a Mr. Spear also appointed has not been heard from.

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Recd. Augt 4th.

Chicago Ills, July 21. 1835

To
Genl. G Gibson
U S Army.

Sir

We have appointed the 12th of August to pay the Annuity to the Potawatamie, Indians of this Agency, at which time we shall ascertain, and in all probability will be able to organize a party of near Two Thousand, to emigrate West, and their departure will be as early as the 1st of September – An Estimate for which, was forwarded by Colr Owen, soon after the 1st of June last – but for fear, that it has not reached you, I herewith inclose a copy.

Nothing has yet been heard of the Exploring party, since it passed the Mississippi river, on the 16th of June – we look for its return in ten days.

I forwarded on the 29th of June, a copy of an order, from the Secretary of War, directing me to take upon myself, the duties of Superintendant of the Potawatamie Removal, and of those appertaining to this Agency, in the event of Colr Owens continued sickness – I think it very unlikely that he will be able to do much this season, Dr Miller who was appointed by the Department, Assistant Conductor, is here awaiting employment,

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Mr Speer who was also named in the instructions for employment, has not been heard of, or from, and I am ignorant where he is to be found. The Secretary of War directed me to communicate with him;

I hope that measures have been taken, to supply the amount of funds, required by the Estimate

I am Sir very Respectfully
Your Most Obdt Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt U. S. Army.

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From
Capt J. B. V. Russell
Chicago, 22 July 1835

Refers to authority given him by Sec'y War to employ a Soldier from Chicago Garrison to assist to assist in Ind Remov.; & in consequence, suggests ~~that~~ a compensation of $1.50 per diem, with mileage back to his post instead of allowance as per Regulations which he considers insufficient to defray his expenses

8 August

Rec'd 8 August.

Chicago Ills, July 22nd 1835.

To Genl G Gibson
Ad. Genl Army.

Sir.

The Secretary of War, thro' the Adjt Genl of the Army, authorized me to employ a Soldier from the Garrison at this place, to assist me in the duties of Indian Removal. The Regulations allows Soldiers on extra duty 15 cts per diem, but this cannot be sufficient for a Soldier employed as I should require him to be – it would be difficult for him to assist me much on foot – I would therefore suggest that in case I should require one, which would only be, while accompanying a large party of Indians West – that he be allowed the lowest compensation given to persons employed in Indian Removal, say $1,50 per diem to include all expenses, and that he should be allowed a reasonable mileage back to his post – this amount would provide him with a horse and meet all his expenses.

I am Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
J B Y Russell
Capt & Mily Disbg Agt

N.B. Please address me at this place, via Detroit, it being the most direct route, for communications.
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Rec'd 24 Sept

Chicago Ill Sept 1st 1835

(to)
Geo. R. Gibson
Comp Gen Subs.

Sir.

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the of august.

I have preferred waiting until we had councilled with the Indians, in order to inform you more fully in regard to their disposition to Emigrate. Accordingly, the day on which their Annuity was to be paid them, & the Goods distributed, we made known to them the views of the Government, and its desire for their immediate removal, some consented to go, and others wished to give us a talk on the subject, the following morning - but did not do so, on account of many of them being drunk - however we appointed a time, and place, to meet us - (The 20th inst, at the Au Plaine river, 12 miles from Chicago.) - for all those, who

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intend to emigrate this fall – we also invited all to attend, to hear a favourable report of their new country, from those who had been sent to explore it – (not doubting, but that the whole Exploring party, ~~would~~ will have returned before that time.) At which time, I shall have the waggons, and Provisions engaged contingently, as far as I shall be able to judge of the numbers that may remove.

Until we had accounts of the Exploring party, we had calculated, upon pretty good grounds, to excel near two thousand, but those accounts, I fear, will diminish the number willing to move off this fall.

The Exploring party, I regret to say has not yet returned – tho' about twenty deserters from it, have come in, after having entered their new Country – they report very unfavourably of it – which has had some considerable effect – We wait with the greatest anxiety for the arrival of the rest of the Party, that their favourable report may remove the

prejudices already prevalent, raised by those deserters, and on account of which, they have made objections to emovein - The Exploring party had entered their new Country by the 14th of July, and by the last accounts, they were above Council Bluffs - and why they are not here by this time, I cannot imagine.

It is impossible to calculate the number that will be enrolled for emigration at this time - Should the impulse at the time appointed to start, be favourable, we may expect to enrol two or three Thousand, or should they have any ridiculous stories of want of game, or timber in their new Country, then I dare say, we should not be able to muster over one or two hundred - but still we shall, in course of this month, if we only get a dozen to accompany us.

Our movements would have been much expedited, by an early return of the Exploring Party - which has already been absent ninety two days, and from some reports prevailing - they will not be back, for some twenty or thirty days yet.

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We have therefore, after deferring the payment of the Annuity for a long time - considered it to be the interest of the Government to delay no longer but endeavour to get off a party, without the co-operation of a favourable report of the New Country from this Exploring Party.

favourable or otherwise, that may occur, and with the assurance of my earnest desire, to forward the views of the Department, in the speedy removal of the Indians from this section of Country.

I remain Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J. B. F. Russell

Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Chicago, Sept. 5th 1833.

The Indians have agreed to meet the Agent on the 20th Sept. to hear the report of the Exploring Party. It has been thought advisable to invite the Chiefs of the Potawatomies to be present with the Agent. Upon the report of the Agent to the Indians will depend their ultimate fate. Hence I consider it the best time.

Capt. Disbrow Agt.

21 Sept.

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Letter of
Maj - Chicago

Capt. J. B. Russell

Chicago, Sept 21. 35

Forwards accounts connected with exploring party of Potts — detained until their arrival & in expectation that Col Dorn would recover sufficiently to enable him to sign his Abstract — think he cannot recover —

Says Capt Jordan stated to Col Dorn he would not obey orders from him, that he would return to St Louis & await order from Dept — and that he did not furnish Acct of Disbmt which prevents entering it in his — Has left the party & paid over to Capt G. $335.44 —

In consequence of Capt G. having appointed Dr Miller Asst Agt &c

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Recd. Octr 9.

Chicago Sept. 21st 1835

To

Genl G. Gibson C.G.S.

U.S. Army.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith my accounts connected with the Exploring party of Pottawatamie. I have delayed forwarding them, awaiting for the return of the Exploring Party, and in the hope also that Colo Owen would be well enough, to sign my abstract, which I was desirous he should do. but I fear he is too low, even to rise from his bed.

On the return of the Party, Capt Gordon stated to Colo Owen, that he should obey no order or direction from me, that he had heard that by appointment of the Secretary of War, I had been placed in the superintendency of this agency, and the removal of the Indians. that he should return to St Louis, and there wait orders from the Department. he has failed to furnish me any account

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of his disbursements - which prevents me from including his, in mine, as you directed in your instructions - I paid over to him, on my leaving the Party $3544 -

In consequence of his leaving me, I have appointed Dr. Miller Asst. Agent, to be employed under me in the removal of such a party of Indians, as we can obtain, to move off in a few days.

I wish the Commr General to believe that my leaving the Exploring party under the circumstances I did, and the conduct pursued by Capt Gordon, will render it impossible for me, ever to be associated with him again.

I have by authority of the Secretary of War, assumed the duties of Special agent & Superintendent of Removal, and Indian Agent - as Colo Owens low state of health prevents him from attending to those duties - his life is despaired of, by his physicians.

I have the honor, to be.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Svt

J. B. F. Russell

Capt & actg Superintendt

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Emig. Chicago

Capt. J. B. Russell
Chicago. Sept. 19. 35

Rec.d letter of 24 Augt.—

States that Col: Owens' life is despaired of and therefore, by directions of Sec: War, assumed the duties of Supt. Emig. &c.—

That the letter was shown to Capt. Gordon, who declined reporting to him & promised to do so to Col: Owen, but has left without doing so for St. Louis.

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Chicago Sept 19th 1835

To
Genl G Gibson C.G.S.
U.S. Army.

Sir.

Your communication of the 24th of August, I have the honor to acknowledge - Colonel Owen's life is despaired of by his Physicians - I have therefore by direction of the Secretary of War, assumed the duties of Superintendent of Removal &c -

In answer to your Communication above, I have to state at the request of Colo Owen, that your letter was shown to Capt Gordon, & that he declined making any report to me, but promised to make one to him, which he has not done, but has left here for St Louis.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt & acg Superintendent

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Emig — Ql — Chicago

From Capt. J. B. F. Russell

Des Plaines Riv, Sep 28. 33

Relating to a meeting of the Inds who wish to Emigrate this fall held on the 23d of Sep. — states that they defered their answer & finally submitted it to their Chiefs Caldwell & Robinson who were absent on the day appointed for it. — that the Inds wish to go in their own way without being enrolled, but agreed to go as far as their Chief, Caldwell would go. — Took down about 60 names & promised to meet them at Paw Paw Grove — Thinks there will enroll about 300 — Learnt that an equal number started to meet at the Crossing of the Mi — Will if possible take Caldwell to the Grove — Says they awaited the return of Exchlor F. Party &c but are still undetermined to go & prefer putting it off until Spring, &c. Important to 14 Oct get them off this fall

Recd. 14 Octr

Des Plaine River 12 Miles from Chicago
September 28th 1835

To General G Gibson
C. G. S. U. S. Army.
Washington City

Sir.

The 21st inst was appointed for the Indians to assemble at the Des Plaine River, for the purpose of meeting those who wished to go west this fall - they did not meet me until the 23rd when I communicated to them the views of the Government in regard to their removal - they then said they would give me an answer in two days, in the mean time they had much talking among themselves, and finally decided to place the whole business in the hands of their Chiefs Baldwell and Robinson, but on the day appointed to deliver their answer, these Chiefs were absent, or drunk, and the Indians did not know what to say to me, as they had given up their answer to those Chiefs - I however told them, I could wait no longer, that they had already kept me a week, that my arrangements required expedition &c - they then told me, they wished to go in their own way, to hunt as they went along, and to follow their own trail - I replied that if they were not regularly enrolled and conducted to their new Country by an Agent of the Government - I could have not

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ing to do with them - that should they go over promiscuously they would not be known on the other side of the Mississippi - which would endanger their obtaining their annuities &c - that if I did not take down their names, and carry it with them to their new Country - The Agent could not know them to pay them &c - after much talking and perplexity, they agreed to go as far this fall as their Chief Caldwell went, I consented to this last arrangement, and took down about sixty names or more, & promised to meet them, at the Paw Paw Grove where there are assembled a large number - to this place I shall drag Caldwell, and believe that I may enrol five hundred or so, and an equal number I have heard has already started by different routes, and will meet me at the crossing of the Mississippi river, they are afraid to go west without Caldwell or Robinson accompanying them - and all my exertions are bent towards getting to the Mississippi one or the other of these Chiefs.

I shall leave here this day with a few Teams and Provisions for Paw Paw Grove (70 miles from Chicago) and take with me by some means Caldwell - At which place I shall do myself the honor of writing you more particularly - with the present uncertainty I have engaged no more Teams than are absolutely necessary for the Transpor-

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tion of Subsistence enough to reach the Mississippi, in the event of five hundred Indians going - this with all other arrangements that I have entered into, are marked with the utmost degree of economy. consistent with the uncertainty that at present prevailes this movement - which has become much perplexed from several causes. The route of our March to the Mississippi river, will not supply us with any provisions, ~~and~~ which is the only route they will consent to go, in order to avoid the settlements.

When I have written you formally, there was every reason to believe no opposition prevailed in regard to their moving to their new Country - The Indians master the return of the Emigrating or Exploring party to confirm their impressions of that Country, and after they did return, there were so many conflicting opinions, that they hardly knew what course to pursue - those opinions have certainly not added any confidence of the character of that Country. - they feel therefore very reluctant to do much this fall, but as they well know they will have to move, they prefer to defer it until next Spring, and then make a general move, of all such as intend to move at all - this I consider the exact state of affairs at present. for they dare not venture few in number, to their new Country. for fear of their neighbors the Sioux

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besides the constant bad advice they receive from many whites, whose interest would have them remain, this persuation is constantly supplied the Indians, and many other difficulties I have had to contend with, tho I have still confidence of doing something, and am now pushing forward with industry, and feel I shall still have a favourable and satisfactory report to make you, from the West Bank of the Mississippi.

I consider it of great importance that a move should be made this fall, which will be made a great inducement for others to follow. I have told them distinctly that in a short time every cent of their Annuity, their Goods &c will be paid not at Chicago, but at their new County only, where they can fully enjoy the benefits that the Government are bestowing upon them.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
A. B. Y. Russell
Capt U. S. Army
acg Supt of Removal

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J. P. Cusell

Camp 75 Miles West of
Chicago, Oct 6. 1835

Reports arrival of emigrating party
there – Relates the route and his
method of collecting the Inds. to the
~~Number about 300~~ difficulty of
getting them together at a point –
numbers about 300. &c. – Will
~~proceed with the Inds. as soon~~
~~as the Inds. determine on their~~
~~place of residence~~

Commissioner Bureau of Indian Affairs

Chas. Matson ex Shawe

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Camp 75 miles west of Chicago
October 6th 1835

To
Genl G. Gibson
C.G.S. U.S. Army

Sir

I have the honor to report the arrival here of the Emigrating party, as the route from Chicago to the Mississippi river lies along the line of Indian villages, they could not be made to meet all meeting at any one point, I therefore collect them as I proceed on, I muster now I think over three hundred, and a Band is one days march ahead of one hundred more, and in this way, will they join me, until I reach the Mississippi, a great many have gone down the affluent rivers, and will meet me for enrolment at the crossing place, or Yellow Banks, where I am confidently informed, we shall muster Two Thousand.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Svt
J. B. T. Russell
Capt U.S. Army. Actg Supt.

I shall address a communication to Genl. Clark Supt. & Agt at St. Louis, as soon as I can ascertain, the determination of the Indians, as to their stopping place.

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From Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Camp Davis Shooting Grove
120 Miles W. of Chicago
Inclosure Octo 10 - 1835.

Reports his arrival at this place and having been in waiting for those of Inds behind to come up, for others to join, & to hold a talk with them — At the talk enrolled 300 &c. Says they are generally willing to cross the Miss. but to go farther remains doubtful — told them they would not be provisioned if they stopt short of the New Country. — A Chief, Ah-take, made a speech at the talk to influence them to stop at his Village West of the Mi & is under the influence of Black Hawk who wishes to collect around him a large band. Refused provisions to all who would not enroll &c. Incloses a Petition from the Principal Chiefs asking permission to occupy the Strip of land ceded in Supplement to Treaty made at Chicago — Refused their Petition until they shewed determination to go off a party this fall. — Inds much dissatisfied with the Treaty & threat on the Chiefs for making it &c — Think if they get the Strip the whole nation will move in the 2 Nov Spring &c

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(No. 2) Recd 2 Nov Camp Devil, Shooting Grove 120 Miles N of Chicago
October 10th 1835

To
Genl G Gibson
C. G. S. U. S. Army

Sir:

I had the honor to address you last from the Des Plaines river, and informed you I was on my way with a party of Emmigrating Indians to Paw Paw Grove, to meet a large Band or two at that place. I reached that place in due season, and met about Two Hundred Indians more, but in consequence of the abundance of Ardent Spirits, and knowing that other large Bands of Indians were ahead, and those already with me getting very drunk, and riotous I concluded to move on to this place, where I have rested for those behind to come up, for others to join me, and to hold a decided talk. At this talk which I had to day - I have succeeded in enrolling three hundred, tho there is a large Band of as many who are within ten miles of me, who I expect will join me in course of tomorrow or next day - The general opinion expressed, was a willingness to cross the Mississippi, whether they can be got beyond that still remains doubtful - I expressly told them in reference to this point, that they would not be provisioned by the Government, if they stopped short of their New Country - that it was necessary I should know their determination in order to advise Gen Clarke in relation to their years provisions - they express a willingness to go, but I am doubtful as to their performance agreeably to that expression - my letter to you of the 28th Sept from the Des Plaine river, which every day confirms, will enable you to truly estimate the difficulties of this movement and the occasion of that difficul

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At the Rath held to day, a Chief by the name of Ah-take of Sock origin, and a great medicine Man of great ambition and shrewdness, told the Indians that they were men and did not require the aid of Government to drag them along like old women. that he had taken care of himself all his life and could do so still - I told him as he was so independent, he might travel along his own trail and that all such as were not able, such as the poor without Horses, the sick, & Lame, and all such. the Government had provided Teams and provisions - that I should treat such as he, as they deserved, they should have no accommodation from the Teams or be provided with Subsistence By his daring Speech, he wished to influence the Indians to stop at his Village, (he went over by himself last fall and is under the immediate influence of Black Hawk, who is trying hard to collect around him a large Band) on the West of the Mississippi River, but a hundred or two miles from the County allotted to the Pottawatamies. I refused to provision any who did not enroll themselves, and that neither should they receive any aid from the Government without complying with that requisition - This brought him to terms at once - he said it was his intention to go over to the Mississippi - but wished to Hunt along the road -

In the fall of the year, the Indians have a large quantity of corn - and therefore feel less the necessity of being provisioned by the Government - which may account for some degree of their present independence - In the Spring time, the most favorable for Emmigration - they are generally hungry and have no provisions, and are then very dependent

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upon the Government for food

When this Band comes in tomorrow I shall hope to increase my party to five or six Hundred, tho' I shall not be able to make up my Muster Roll complete until I reach the Mississippi I shall now move on as fast as circumstances will permit to this new County, and nothing but their final and fixed determination to the contrary will prevent me from reaching it.

The Principal Men of the Nation have drawn up a petition addressed to the President of the U.S., asking of him permission to reside on a part of that strip of land which they gave up in the Supplementary Treaty annexed to that entered into at Chicago. I refused to approve of this paper or their sending it until they first shew a disposition to comply with their part of the Treaty, by using their influence to get off a Party this fall, in that case I would aid them from that County to obtain the permission they asked of the President of the U.S. This I am led to believe will have a favourable effect and secure their influence in our operations this fall in truth they feel much dissatisfied with that Supplementary Treaty and threaten the Chiefs Caldwell & Robinson for having made it and accuse them of getting the money arising therefrom for themselves, it is my opinion however, that should they succeed in obtaining permission to reside on this strip of land, the whole Nation would agree to move off in a body next spring, as the report of the Exploring Party represents this strip of land as being very rich and well suited to their wants, and of their own new County, they measure out abundance of condemnation

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I shall communicate with Genl Blake Supt of Indian Affairs at St Louis, and keep him apprised of our movements, in season for him to make any arrangement that circumstances may require

I have the honor, &c.,
Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt
S B T Russell
Capt 2d Lt
Actg Superintt
Indian Agent

I enclose herewith a copy of the Petition drawn up by the Principal Men of the Indians, to be presented to the President of the United States. This paper will fully corroborate the statements which I have had the honor to communicate to your Bureau to you. The great secret is, that these Indians are afraid to go to their new Country for fear of the Sioux.

Copy of a Petition drawn up by the Principal Men of the Pottawatamies, Ottowas, & Chippewas.

"To His Excellency Andrew Jackson Pres.t of the U. S."
"Great Father"

The Men appo.t to explore the Country selected for the new home of the United Nations of the Pottawatamies, Chippewas & Ottowas Indians have returned - They have talked with them and send you the substance of their report.

Father, Your agents told us at the Treaty made at Chicago in 1833, that the Country assigned to us West of the Mississippi, was equally as good as the lands in Illinois, which we then occupied, & as well adapted to our situation; trusting to their representations, we ceded our lands, and hard as it was, were preparing to leave our old hunting grounds and the graves of our Fathers for our new homes.

Father - we have been deceived and we feel disappointed & dissatisfied. They are told that our new Country is mostly prairie, that there is scarce timber enough to build our Wigwams, and that some of our land is too poor for snakes to live upon. Our Men are not accustomed to the Prairie - They have always lived in the woods.

Father - we are told too that there are no Sugar Trees in our new country - In the Country which we ceded to the U. S. there is an abundance of them. We understand that you wish us to become Cultivators of the Soil; some of our men desire to do so. But there is but little encouragement for them to become farmers in a country, where there is so little timber & so much poor prairie.

Father - Do not think that we wish to violate our Treaty because we send you this letter. It is not so.

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We are not opposed to removing beyond the Mississippi. We are willing to go, and should now be ready to smoke our last pipe upon the site of our old Wigwams, if our new country had been what it was represented to be. but we have been deceived in it.

Walker. In order to satisfy our Men and make them more contented. We ask to be allowed the exclusive possession for the term of twenty years, of the North half of the strip of land surrendered by us to the U.S., since the Treaty of Chicago, for the benefit of Missouri. In consideration of this surrender, we propose to relinquish to the U.S. the Thirteen thousand dollars agreed to be paid us for the whole strip of that land. This would make our Men more contented. We have said twenty years, because we hope in that time to become accustomed to the Prairies & able to relinquish it without inconvenience. We would also say that in this country there are sugar trees, but none in the country selected for us. This country too is better adapted ~~for~~ ~~to~~ agricultural purposes than our own.

Walker. We are told that game is now abundant in our new country. But as the game is mostly confined to the timber, we fear that in a few years when it has been hunted, that it will be scarce. and we should be forced solely upon agriculture for our support. This strip of land lies on the south part of our new country our neighbours on the North are numerous and powerful & we know not what feelings they may entertain towards us. But we hope before the twenty years are elapsed to cultivate their friendly acquaintance.

Father - we know that you feel friendly towards us and wish to consult our best interests. We thank you for it. and we hope that you will now lay our case before the Councils of your great nation and use your influence to procure this small boon. And may the Great Spirit bless you for it.

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From Capt. J. B. F. Rufell

Ft Des Moines, Oct 29 '35

Reports his arrival at Ft Des Moines with a party of Potts. — With difficulty taked them on attended with the half-breeds & whites to detain them at several points, &c — Musters over 600 — Some crossed the Mi. above to hunt, but in the course of the Winter says they will come to where Caldwell lights his fire. — 400 not enrolled crossed &c. — Hopes to reach Ft Leavenworth in 20 days — Says their object is to reach the Strip ceded by "Supplemental Treaty" & to apply to the Resident for its use for 20 Years — Has not known what to communicate to Genl Clark relative to their years' subsis.ce — Sent Dr Miller to see him on the subject &c. — Sends Muster Roll — Dr Spencer has not joined the party.

20 Nov.

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Rec'd 20 Nov

Fort Des Moine
October 29th 1834.

To
General G. Gibson
C. G. S. U. S. Army

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you of my reaching this point with a party of Pottawatomies - having crossed the Mississippi River at this place.

I have been enabled after much trouble and perplexity to tote the Indians on. All the way from Chicago we have had amongst us interested half breeds and traders whose unremitted exertions have been to detain them at several points, on march. I have now however crossed the rubicon and do not fear the influence of any one to operate against our further progress - My Muster Rolls show over six hundred Indians, tho some of them have crossed the river above for the purpose of hunting, but will in course of the

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winter come up to when the Chief Billy Caldwell lights his fire - about four hundred Indians not enrolled, have also crossed the Mississippi at different points, from some petty dislikes among themselves, they would not join our party - but will before Spring, join their Chief Caldwell - thus you will find, that about one thousand Indians will have moved to their new Country this fall.

I hope the party now with me I shall hope to reach Fort Leavenworth or its neighborhood in twenty days - but I consider it very doubtful whether I get them on farther - their object I am well assured is to stop at the strip of land which they gave up by the supplementary Treaty, and then to send on from them a delegation of chiefs to apply to the President for a lease of this strip for twenty years - under these circumstances, I have not known what to communicate to Genl Black respecting their year's subsistence - as they do not intend to go all the way to what is properly their new Country

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I have doubted whether you would deem it proper to subsist them according to the Treaty I have however sent Doct Miller Asst agent from this place to communicate personally with Gen Black on the subject, when from his great experience I doubt not he will pursue such a course as is best, and such as you will approve of.

I forward herewith a Muster Roll — and on the completion of my March I will forward a correcta one giving the dates of joining and leaving which several of the party have done.

From the point where I leave the Indians I shall immediately return to Chicago,

I have the honor to be
My Respectfully
your obedt Svt
J B Y Russell
Capt Ret Army
Supt Removal

(The letter to Gen Clark dated 30th Oct. anticipates very difficulty &c)

Mr Speer has never joined the Party. tho I directed him by letter, to be at Chicago from the 1 to 10 Sept.

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Recd. 8 Dec

Palmyra Missouri, Novr. 8th 1835.

To
General G. Gibson
C.G.S. U.S. Army.

Sir.

I have the honor, to report my having reached this point of our Journey.— Since leaving Fort Des Moine (from where I had the honor of addressing you last,) we have met with very severe weather which has caused the Indian Horses to fail very much, and has obliged me occasionally to issue small rations of Corn, in order to keep them going on— The Indians have from our long journey, become destitute of moccasins, and from their united request, I have granted a stop of a day or two, for the purpose of hunting, and that their women might have the opportunity of preparing the skins, for their feet.

In a movement of this kind, some share of commisseration, must be expected to enter into my arrangements— which I have been obliged in some cases to allow— added to which I feel it important that every

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accommodation may be afforded the Indians on this first removal, that it may be the means of propitiating the rest - and conduce the more readily to their moving West - however after the difficulties I have met, in getting on this party - against all the influence that has been brought to bear, to induce them not to cross the Mississippi river - I feel well assured we have now surmounted all the obstacles to the general movement of this Tribe, in the course of the next year - We are now opening a road, (to be allowed the expression,) for the whole nation to follow, and there now remains but little doubt, that all those who have remained back - can be got over to their new Country in two parties - the first early in the Spring, and the last in the fall of the year.

Not having anticipated all the necessary disbursements, and fearing I might have use for more funds than I had brought with me - I sent Doct Miller from Fort Des Moine to St. Louis, to have a draft of mine, on the deposit Bank at Detroit, (where my public funds are) cashed, and to have a personal interview with Genl. Black, respecting the subsisting of this party of

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Indians, should they reach their Country - The Doct has since joined me, with the funds, and states that our success in getting a party across the Mississippi, was quite unexpected to Genr. Black, as he supposed the many obstacles in the way would have prevented our doing what we have - he is to communicate with me, at Fort Leavenworth.

Cold Weather has now set in, and some of the streams frozen, our movements from this, will be more rapid than heretofore - On my return to Chicago I propose to make a general report of our movements, and to offer, or suggest a plan for our future operations, that will lend much in facilitating the Emigration of the Tribe - a different route somewhat, which would shorten the distance, and the use of pack Horses, which I cannot now do without great expense - I have been compelled to submit to some of my present arrangements, as the only course to induce the Indians to go on, but when once this party is fairly over, an alteration in some particulars, for those who are to follow, may be made for the better.

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I have to request that Blanks, of all kinds may be forwarded to my address, at Chicago - that I may find them on my return.

It is with deep regret, that I have this moment seen the death of Colr Owens announced in the paper -

~~I shall have the honor of addressing you again~~ previous to my reaching Fort Leavenworth - should we pass near any Post Office - I hope in fifteen days to end my Journey.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt 2d Army

~~Capt. Removed~~

Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Washington D.C.
Nov. 8th 1833

Blank Returns will be required from the Quartermasters of the various Stations

Jas. C. Larkin
Commanding Ft Smith
Ten. when he receives it
Fort Leavenworth
Mint Blank form
to be sent to Chicago.

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Delegation of Indians

Commissary General of Subs.

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Fort Leavenworth
2d December 1833

To General G Gibson
A.G.S. U.S. Army
Washington City

Sir:

I have the honor to report my arrival at the Platte river, within a few miles of this Garrison, with the party of Emigrating Pottawatamies. From the lateness of the season, and the worn out condition of the Indian Horses, it has been found impossible to go beyond this place, without great delay and expense, an other reason why the party has stopped, is that no Contract has to my knowledge been entered into or any arrangements made for the provisioning of the Party, and for them to move into a perfect wilderness, sixty miles from any provisions, appeared to me injudicious.

I sent Doct Miller Asst Agent to St. Louis on my crossing the Mississippi River, to have a

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personal interview with Genr. Clark, on the subject of provisioning this party. and those who will join ~~them~~ during the winter. this was on the 3a of November, Genr Clark promised to communicate with me at this place, but I have received no word from him.

A Mr Davis Sub agent and Receiving agent for the Pottawatamies having instructions to receive all Emigrating Pottawatamies, I have accordingly turned over to him my party, giving him at the same time a Muster Roll. I have also in conjunction with him made a temporary contract for the supply of Provisions to the Party untill a regular Contract by Genr Clark shall be made.

The party has been left ~~twenty~~ miles beyond the Missouri State line on the Government lands, no opposition therefore can be made to their temporary stay at this place. In the Spring they can move to such points of their new country as may best suit them. their present position

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will permit of their being easily supplied with Subsistence, and the protection of the N. S. troops.

I shall by this mail communicate with Genl. Clark.

The departure of the Mail prevents my adding any more, except that I have discharged all persons engaged in the removal.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt
J. B. T. Russell
Capt U.S. Arm
Supt Rem

Recd 10th Chicago

From
Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Chicago, 25 Decr '35

Reporting his return to Chicago:— also that 800 or 1000 Inds have crossed the River & will by 1st Feb: join their Chief Mcdowell —— & temporary contract entered into to subsist the party he carried over by him &c

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Recd 14 Jany

Chicago Illinois
December. 25th 1835.

To
General G Gibson
C.G.S. U.S. Army.

Sir

I have the honor to report my return to this place, after having succeeded in removing to their vicinity of their new homes, a party of Emigrating Pottawatamies Chippeways & Ottaws. From eight hundred to one Thousand have crossed the Mississippi River and will by the 1st of February join the fire of their Chief Billy Caldwell who I conducted out. a temporary Contract was entered into by the receiving agent before I left them, to subsist the party, until such times, as a Contractor from General Clark should enter upon his duties.

I have the honor, to be
very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J B F Russell acg Supt

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John W. Vance
Danville Ill: 10th apl 35
Enclosing his acct.
for services in removing Indians. –

Recd. 24 April

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No 2. Apl 24. 1835

Danville Illinois Vermilion County

Sir you Will find Enclosed 3 small accounts one for 106 for my services during the indians as set forth in account No 1 the other two for teams hire for the same services as set forth in No 2 & 3 for forage & returning home for $50

Sir by references to letters in your office received from William Gordon to whom I delivered the indians you Will find that I paid the expenses While at danville & on their march to St Louis Which money said gordon refunded me at St Louis & at the same time paid me forty eight dollars for sixteen days Waggon hire say $48 but nothing for return of waggon but left it for further settlement on the return of waggon from the distination of the Indians on the Missouri Which gordon hired at $3 50 cts pr day to go on but owing to some Mis understanding with the Indians they would not start & my waggon returned home in a few days

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and did not go a for the data of the price I took the same Mr Gordon was to allow me for the same time which was three dollars & cents per day the claim for my service as superintending the removal is founded on the letter of Governor Clark superintendant of Indian affairs at St Louis to Mr Hubbard of Davenis arkansa if there could be any person that would furnish them with corn & meat for them to subsist on till they could be removed which I undertook & done which you will see on file of Mr Gordons papers at the same time a letter made the enquiry whether there could be any person that would undertake their removal which I at the same time agreed to do but the request ~~for~~ or appointment was sent to Mr Hubbard himself in his absence to New York & a brother land of Hubbards by the name of Berry under took to remove them but in consequence of their horses being so poor they could not go till grass came and their horses recruited & Mr Berry returned the papers to the office at St Louis & when their horses got so as they could travel they then came to me & insisted on my going with them

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I refused so to do unless Governor Clark would
authorize me to do the same he being
at the Cutty & not returning as soon as
expected they became very urgent to start
& Wabanion the head man of the party
went to Mr Marshall Indian agent at
Logansport & returned bringing some
papers that he gave to satisfy the Indians
but would not satisfy me for it made
no person responsible for what they had
got or would have to get on the
road & I told them I could not go, the
Indians then proposed if I would go
with them that they would pay me
the same wages that Government would
for like services if Government would
not pay me when I said Mr Gordon
saw all the papers he said there
would be no doubt that Government
would pay my accounts as soon as
Governor Clark returned & thereupon I
exonerated the Indians from the
payment of my accounts and took
the Government for the same

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for which I left my account with the return
of Governor Clark they was presented & paid
to General Langham but owing to a
Frenchman that had joined me on the
route with about 15 Indians from the
Iowa nation Mr Gordon paid him &
Langham returned the money to Governor
Clark & I got nothing if nitrating I can
prove that the Frenchman spent
a reward flower bacon & all kinds of
provisions the same as an other Indian
& took no part in their removal or
in any were assisted in the same
Governor Clark allowed me the
same compensation that Gordon
had I ask you to enquire of
Governor Clark as it respects the fury
& let me know what it is wanting
if any thing to establish my claim
Danville Mo 10 April 1835
Pab Gipson John Wall

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1836 C-V Chicago

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Genl. Wm. Clark
St. Louis May 2d 1836.

Asking instructions as to the Subsistence of the Potts.

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Recd. 11 May

Ans.d 17

Superintendy of Ind. Affairs,
St. Louis, May 2d. 1836.

Sir,

I am informed by a letter from the Commissioner of Indian affairs, of the 8th ult: that permission has been given to the Pottowattamies on their removing to the West, to "pitch their tents "temporarily on the land embraced between the "Western boundary of the State of Missouri and "the Missouri River," &c. This information has likewise reached the contractors, Messrs. Thompson & Rich, who desire to be informed whether it is designed they shall supply these Indians in addition to those who emigrated under Captain Rupell. At the time the arrangement with Messrs Thompson & Rich was made, it was supposed it would terminate within this month, at the farthest, by the removal of the Indians to their own lands, where they, as well as the others who might arrive, would be supplied under a new contract; but as the period of removal from their present temporary location near Fort Leavenworth of the party who arrived under Capt. Rupell and others who have since joined them, is still uncertain, and it is equally so at what time the others referred to by the Commissioner, may remove from the points where they may pitch their tents, I have deemed it

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safest, under the new aspect which the subject has assumed, to defer answering Messrs. Thompson & Rich, until I should have submitted the case for your consideration. Allow me, therefore, to enquire whether you desire to have new proposals issued for supplying, until their final removal to the country assigned them, the Potawatamies who may hereafter arrive and pitch their tents, in the country mentioned by the Commissioner, or shall they, and all others who arrive, be supplied under the arrangement made with Messrs. Thompson & Rich? My own impression is, that the latter is the simplest and safest plan, altho it is likely, so far as price alone is concerned, a more advantageous contract for the Goverment may be made.

Respectfully,
Your Ob. Svt.

Thos Clark

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Commissary Genl. of Subsistence,
Washington

Emig. Chicago 329

Genl W. Clark

St. Louis, June 13, 1836

D. informed by A. L. Davis ~~informs him~~ that 180 Potts from Skunk River are expected in 4 or 5 days. – Chief Caldwell has sent some of his friends to meet them – Resumed to be a part of those emigrated under Capt Russell and to have wintered among the Sacs & Foxes

25 June

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Ans. 29

Rec. 25 Jun.

Superintendt of Ind. Affairs,
St. Louis, June 13, 1836.

Sir,

I have just received a letter from Mr. A. L. Davis, dated 2d inst. stating "there are about "one hundred and eighty of the Putawatamies from "Skunk River expected in four or five days Chief "Caldwell has sent some of his friends to meet "them." These are, it is presumed, part of those who emigrated under Capt. Rupell, and wintered among the Sacs & Foxes.

Respectfully,
Your ob. Svt.

Wm Clark

Genl Geo. Gibson,
Comm. Genl. Subsistence,
Washington.

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Hon Lew: Cass
Sec'y War Augt 25 1836
Directing a copy of G
Kerchevall's letter of 18th Augt
sent to Maj Henry
Whiting Qr Master U
S army, Detroit.

Offer Resolution
Accepted

25 Augt

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Copy

Chicago, Augt 8th, 1836.

Sir,

I regret to have to say that the negligence of Major Whiting Quarter Master at Detroit, has been the whole cause of our delay in not getting off the Indians earlier. I am informed that the annuities have been at Detroit from four to six weeks and daily opportunities occur by which they might be transmitted to this place, but we have no tidings of them as yet. I made arangements to go West about the 1st Augt supposing the money would be here early in July and so informed the Indians. As circumstances are at present we shall not be able to get off until very late. I have this Summer visited every Indian Village West of the Lake, have seen nearly every Indian, and so far as I am able to judge by their professions, I think they will all emigrate this fall, with some few exceptions, that is the Indians West of Lake Michigan. As to the Indians belonging to this Agency, who reside in Michigan, I cannot speak with any degree of certainty, not being so well acquainted with them as I am with those on this side the lake; some of them however, profess to be willing to emigrate this fall. I regret exceedingly being delayed, as it will

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result injuriously both to the Government and Indians; the waters have become very low, which will prevent us from transporting any part of the way by water, and on the other hand the grass is becoming bad and will be cut off by the frost before we can get across the country by land.

Very Respy.
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed.) Gh. Kercheval
Supt. R. P. Chicago

Genl. Geo: Gibson
Commy. Genl. Subs.
Washington City

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Emig Chicago 330

Genl. Wm. Clark
St. Louis Mo: 11 June 1836

Has advertised for Proposals in accordance with instructions contained in letters of 3d & 17 ult. for subsisting the Potawatamies, Ottawas &c — Encloses copies of advertisement — That he may clearly understand the views of the Dept. asks if the united Nation of Chippewas, Ottowas & Pott. Inds who may "pitch their tents" on the land between the West. boundary of Mo: & the Mo: River are to be provisioned during their continuance thereon, for one complete year afterwards, from the date of their arrival in their New Country. —

Mr. Kercheval not heard from — Forwarded to Capt. Gordon letter enclosed 24 May — (Rock Island)

25 June

Rec'd 25 June Ans'd 29 June

Superintendy of Ind. Affairs,
St. Louis, June 11th, 1836.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letters of the 3rd & 17th ult. I have advertised for Proposals for subsisting the Potawatamies &c and enclose herewith copies of the advertisements.

In order that I may clearly understand your views and those of the Comm. Ind. Affairs, (for I cannot entirely reconcile with each other the instructions of your letters just mentioned with those contained in your letter of 13th January,) I ask to be informed whether all the Indians of the United Nations of Chippeways, Ottoways & Potawatamies who shall remove to, or "pitch their tents" on the lands embraced between the Western boundary of the State of Missouri and the Missouri river, including those who emigrated last year under Capt. Rugell, shall be furnished with Provisions during the period of their continuance thereon, and be afterwards subsisted for one complete year from the "date of their arrival at their new home North & West of the N.W. corner of the State of Missouri". If this be not the course intended by the Government, allow me, respectfully to request, that whatever is determined on, connected with the subject, be clearly indicated as early as possible, so as to

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enable me to afford the proper information to bidders for the contracts, when enquiries are made by them.

No intelligence from Mr. Kercheval has yet reached me.

Respectfully
Your ob. Svt

Wm Clark S.I. Asst

P.S. - I have forwarded to Capt. Gordon (at Rock Island) the copy of letter for him, enclosed with yours to me of 24th ult.

Genl Geo. Gibson,
Comm. Genl Subsistence
Washington

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Emig Chicago 20

Hon. W. L. D. Ewing
14 May 1836

Requesting information
relative to the claim of
J. W. Vance

Col. Gibson
Commissary General
Filed

May 16.

Recd. Hon. May

Sir — I take the liberty of making enquiry of you in relation to a certain claim of John W. Vance which he pleads for services rendered in removing certain Indians — or rather in conducting them from some point in Illinois to St Louis.

Will you be pleased to furnish me with a copy of the claim and ~~which~~ inform me what has been the action of your Department on this subject?

I have the honor to be Sir with great respect yr. obt. Servt.

W. L. D. Ewing

May 14 1836

Answd. 16th May
copy of acct. and the
letters to Vance sent

JW.

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Lt. N. J. Eaton
St. Louis, 27th Aug. 36

Sends an acct. of disbursements made by him on account of Emigrating Pota=watamies

Rec. 13th Sept.

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Recd & Ans. this day.

Saint Louis
27th August 1836

General,

I have the honor to enclose herewith, an account of disbursements made by me on account of emigrating Pottowattomie Indians, since the 15th of last June and am

With high respect,
Your Obt. Servt.
N. J. Leake
Capt. & Dis. Agt. Indian Affairs

General Geo. Gibson
Comy. Gen. Subs.
U. S. Army
Washington
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Emig Chees 69 Ref.

Capt. Wm. Gordon
Rock Island (Ill)
Feby 6th 1836

Requesting a "Court Martial" may be held for the investigation of the charges preferred by him against Capt. J. B. H. Russell, &c.

10th March

10 March 1836
Indian Emigration Office.

Report
Recd same day.

Mr. Lewis Cass
Secretary of War
&c &c

Recd Dec
Ans. 11 March 1836

Rock Island Illinois
February 5. 1836

Hon Lewis Cass
Sec of War &c

Sir

Sometime last fall I felt it my duty to report to Genl Gibson the Commissary General, the mal administration of Capt Rinfield, U.S. Army, in the execution of the duties confided to him as disbursing agent.

I have been informed by Genl Gibson that the charges had been referred to you. I have now to ask that you will be pleased to order an investigation by a Court Martial or in such other way as you may be pleased to direct. I hold myself responsible for the substantiation of the charges, and consider it due to the interests of the United States that they should be investigated and the culprit punished. If they should be proven as I pledge myself to do, he deserves it. if they should not be proven I am unworthy the public confidence and will abide the result.

Respectfully yr Obt Sr
Wm Gordon

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C. A. Harris, Actg
Secy War Dept
25 March '36

Directs that Captain Gordon be informed that all the charges preferred against Capt Russell are refuted by offl. Accounts except the one relating to the "Grog-bill" &c

25 March

Rec'd

Retd to J. Eom. office

Let Mr Gordon be informed that all the charges except that relating to the "grog bill" are refuted by the official documents before, & that if he has any other offer in regard to the grog charge it will be received and an investigation be ordered.

Let Capt. Ruhette be informed of this course.

By order
C. A. H.
CCWD

70 Returned

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comdg Genl Subsis:
17 March 1836

To Secretary of War
Relating to the charges preferred by Captain William Gordon against Capt. L. B. F. Russell.

Referred to Mr. Marsh

Emigration of Indians.

Office of the Comy. Genl. of Subsis:
17th March, 1836.

Sir:—

Under date of 20th September 1835, Captain William Gordon of St. Louis, then Assistant Agent for the removal of the Potawatamie Indians, embodied in his report to this Office the following allegations against Captain J. B. F. Rapell U. S. A.— That Captain Rapell had employed a man at $2.50 and one at $1,50 as pack horsemen to the exploring party of Potawatamies, when any number of persons could have been obtained for the service at $20 per month; also, with employing a two horse wagon without authority at $4,50 per diem to carry a large mess basket:— he asserts the wagon was unnecessary and retarded the expedition. That Capt. Rapell was in the habit of crossing the "necessary grog bill" under other items; also, that it was the practice of persons who brought the public horses out to Chicago from Detroit to take the signatures of the persons along the road from whom they made purchases, without stating the items or amount, "this with strong apparent intention of fraud, leaving the blanks to be filled up at leisure with such items and

such

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such amount as might be thought proper."

Captain Rupell was furnished with a copy of these charges immediately on their receipt at this office, but his absence from Chicago, it is presumed, prevented his receiving them. Another copy was furnished him on the 4th ultimo, and under date of 23d ultimo Captain Rupell has replied, wholly denying all the allegations made by Captain Gordon, and refers this office to Colonel Owen's quarterly statement of agents, and to his own account on file in this office, to refute the charges of his employing the packhorsemen and wagon without authority, and of paying money on blank receipts.

Colonel Owen's quarterly statement, rendered to and approved by this office, shews the employment by him of Mr. L. C. Kercheval "in charge of horses" at $2.50 per diem, and a "packhorseman" at $1.50; it also shews the employment of a wagon and teamster at $4. per diem.— From Captain Rupell's accounts it appears that Mr. L. C. Kercheval was employed at $2.50 per diem, and three other at $1.50 per diem, to take thirty five public horses, (designed for the use of the exploring party of Potawatamies,) from Detroit to Chicago.— The expenses of these persons appear to have been included in their per diem allowance, their whole compensation, and appears extremely moderate.

There is

There is certainly nothing on file in this office which in the slightest degree supports the charges preferred against Captain Rupell; on the contrary Captain Rupell's account and Colonel Owen's Statement of persons employed shew that Captain Gordon has been incorrectly informed.

Captain Gordon's charges, Captain Rupell's denial of them, Colonel Owen's Statement of "agents and others employed" and copies of Captain Rupell's vouchers for payment to persons employed to bring on public horses from Detroit to Chicago, are herewith respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your Ms. Obt. Servant
Geo Gibbons

Hon.ble Lewis Cass
Secretary of War.

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C. A. Harris Esqr.
Off. Ind. Affs. 26 July 1836
Stating that Capt.
J. B. F. Russell has been
relieved from the duties
of Ind. Agent at Chicago & that the
same have been assigned
to G. Kercheval Esqr.

27 July

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Rec'd 27 July

War Department
Office Indian Affairs,
July 26th 1836.

Sir,

I beg leave to state for your information, that Capt. Russell has been relieved from the duties of Indian Agent at Chicago, and they have been assigned to Mr Kercheval, the Superintendent of Emigration.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. A. Harris,
Comr.

Major
S. H. Hook
Acting Commissary Genl of Subsistence.

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Emig Chicago 191.

C. A. Harris Esq.
Actg Sec War
15th Sept. 1836.

The communication of Maj Whiting as to the delay in sending on the Ind: annuity is satisfactory &c.

Recd 15 Sept.

War Department
September 15 1836.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing a copy of Major Whiting's reply to the allegations of negligence in remitting the annuities for the Indians at Chicago. The reply, as was anticipated, is entirely satisfactory.

Very Respectfully
Yr. ms. Obt. Servt
C. A. Harris
Actg Secy of War

Genl George Gibson
Commy Genl of Subs.

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Envy Chicago

Gholson Kirchoval Esq
Chicago May 26. 36

Acknowledges letter of the 2d. April and accepts of the Appointment of Principal Agent in the removal of the United Nations of Chippeway, Ottowa & Pott. Indns.

10 June

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Answered 10 June

Recd 10 June

Chicago May 26. 1836

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comsy Genl. Subs
Washington City

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d Ultimo appointing me Principal agent in the removal of the United Nation of Chippeway Ottawa & Pottowatomie Indians in accordance with the treaty made with them at Chicago on the 26. Sep. 1833. I have the honor also to report that I have this day entered upon the duties of the office confided to my charge. I shall in a short time forward to the Dept a list of names of assistants proposed to be employed.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo. Kinzie
Spec. Agt. & Supt R.P.

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Emig. Chicago

Gholson Kercheval Esq.
Chicago, June 5, 1836.

Acknowledges letter of 17th May & states that the request therein contained has been complied with, &c — that the Indians show no disposition to Emigrate until after they have received their Annuity, and which they were informed, by their Chief who visited Wa., would be paid them before crossing the Mississippi River — Think that a large party, after the Annuity is paid, can be removed — all the Potts. of Prairie — The St. Joseph's Potts unwilling to crop, but disposed to move north of Grand River —

Some of the Chippeways dissatisfied with the treaty of 1833.

Inclosure

5 July

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Recd. 4 Jul
Ans. 5 July

Chicago Illinois
June 5th 1836

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comm. Genl. Subs.
Washington City

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th May requesting me to inform General William Clark Superintendant of Indian Affairs at St. Louis, the probable number of Indians who would Emigrate this spring under my superintendance. I have in accordance with your request written Gen. Clark upon this Subject giving him all the information I am in possession of at this time.

I will from time to time give him such information as will Enable him to make his arrangements for the Indians who Emigrate from this place. I regret to have to report that the Indians do not show any disposition to Emigrate until after they receive their annuities they say they have been informed by their chiefs who visited Washington last winter that they were to receive their annuities before they croped the Mississippi after which time I have no doubt of getting off a large number and probably all of

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all of what are called the Potawatomies of the Prairie The St Joseph Potawatomies do not however express a willingness to emigrate at all across the Mississippi, but say their present intention is to emigrate north of Grand River The Chippeways north of this place about Millewauke and Manitowoc have never been satisfied with the treaty made in 1833 at this place and strong arguments will have to be made use of to induce them to remove peaceably I think however when they are all assembled to receive their annuities that such arguments can be used as will induce them to Emigrate, nothing shall be wanting on my part to further the views of the Government in this matter as far as my ability Extends

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Ch. Richeval
Spec Agt & Supt Remov Potows

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Gholson Kercheval Esq
Chicago, Illinois
June 24th 1836

Transmitting a list of the names of persons proposed to be employed in the Removal of the Chippeway, Ottawa, and Pott.o Indians, &c

Expects to accompany a detachment of Dragoons, ordered by Genl. Atkinson, to visit the Inds. on the Frontier, &c

inclosure

Ans.d 11. July 1836.
Rec.d 11 July 1836

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Recd. 11 July

Chicago Illinois
June 24th 1836

Gen. George Gibson
Commissary Gen.l Subs.
Washington City

Sir I have the honor herewith to transmit to the Department for approval a list of names of persons proposed to be employed in the removal of the Chippewas, Ottawa and Pottawatamie Indians under my Superintendance

I shall leave here in a few days for the Indian villages West and North of this place accompanying a Detachment of Dragoons who have been ordered by General Atkinson to visit the Indians along this Frontier, this order has grown out of unfounded information in relation to the disposition of the Indians in this Quarter, so far as I have been able to ascertain they are well disposed and a great many of them appear to be anxious to emigrate so soon as they receive their Annuities.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Gh. Kercheval
Spl Agt & Supt Remov.l Pot.chicy

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A statement of
agents &c employed
by G. Sherburne Esq.
in Rem.l Pats. &c.

Rec.d 21st Jany. 1836.

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A list of Names of persons proposed to be employed in the Emigration of the Chippeway, Ottawa and Pottawatamie Indians.

Isaac S. Berry	Ap.t Agent residence	Vandalia Ills.	4.00 pr. day
Lewis C Kercheval	Ap.t Conductor "	Chicago. "	3.00 "
Lucien Peyton	Commissary and Ap.t disbursing Agent residence	Chicago.	2.50 "
Claude La Framboise	Interpreter	Chicago	2.50 "

Chicago 13.

G. H. Kercheval Esq

Chicago Augt 8, 1836

Stating that the delay in the removal of the Indians has been occasioned by the negligence of Maj Whiting Dr. M. at Detroit - that the annuities have been at Detroit for 6 weeks tho' opportunities offer daily for transmitting them. -

The Indians, with few exception, disposed to remove.

23 Augt Jan 25.

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Chicago Aug 8 1836

Sir

Rec'd 23 Aug

I regret to have to say that the negligence of Maj. Whiting Quarter Master at Detroit has been the whole cause of our delay in not getting off the Indians earlier. I am informed that the annuities have been at Detroit from four to six weeks & daily opportunities occur by which they might be transmitted to this place, but we have no tidings of them as yet. I had made arrangements to go West about the 1st Aug. supposing the money would be here early in July & so informed the Indians. As circumstances are at present we shall not be able to get off until very late. I have this Summer visited every Indian Village west of the lake. have seen nearly every Indian & so far as I am able to judge by their professions, I think they will all Emigrate this fall, with some few exceptions. that is the Indians West of Lake Michigan. As to the Indians belonging to this Agency, who reside in Michigan, I cannot speak with any degree of certainty, not being so well acquainted with them, as I am with those on this side the lake. Some of them however, profess to be willing to emigrate this fall, I regret exceedingly being delayed, as it will

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result injuriously both to the Govern.t & Indians, the waters have become very low which will prevent us from transporting any part of the way by water & on the other hand the grass is becoming bad & will be cut off by the frost before we can get across the country by land —

Very Resp.t
Yr Obt. Serv.t
Gh. Kercheval
Supt. R. P. Chicago

Gen.l Geo. Gibson
Com.y Gen.l Subs
Washington City

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Gholson Kercheval Esq.

Chicago, Sept. 10, 1836.

States, that the annuity has been paid, & the 12 Sept. appointed to assemble the Inds to organize a party for Emigr. - that from present indications the number expected to remove this fall will not realized, - & that they are disposed to defer it until Spring, &c

The Chippeways of Thobyy - y - gan & do will not emigrate, but wish to go north of Green Bay.

8 Oct.

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Rec'd 8 Oct

Chicago Sept 10th 1836

Sir I have the honor to report for the information of the Department that the payment of annuities at this place has just been completed & I have appointed Monday the 12th inst for assembling the Indians twelve miles west of this place for the purpose of organizing into a party those who have been prevailed upon to emigrate this fall, I fear from present indications that my expectations as to the number who would emigrate the present season will not be realized, I from all the information I could obtain from the Indians this side the lake when I visited them during the summer & from their own representations I was led to believe that something like two thousand could be induced to emigrate this year, I shall however be agreeably disappointed if we get off over one thousand every inducement was held out to them during the council to emigrate they were told in terms not to be misunderstood that they could no longer remain in this country without violating the Treaty — the reply of the larger number of them was that they would go in the Spring, that they were not yet prepared. my opinion is that they will be no better prepared in the Spring than at present. The Measles having broken out among them will prevent some from going who would otherwise go. The Chippeways from Shob-y-y-gun & Manitowoc said expressly in council that they would not, nor never intended to emigrate west, but intended going north of Green Bay,

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I have very little hopes of prevailing upon the Indians in Michigan, (who belong to this Agency) to emigrate, in fact I believe they never will until compelled by force.

Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
Geo. Archeval
A. R. P. Sx

Genl Geo Gibson
Comr Genl Subs.
Washington City

Copy sent to Sec of War 5th Oct. 1

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Gholson Kercheval Esq.
River des Plaines
Sept. 18, 1836

Expects to start for Shobany's Grove with 300 Ind.s & to enroll them from 3 to 600 who have agreed to assemble — States that none of the Ind.s from Quiscensin or Michigan have been seen since the Annuity was paid &c.

8th Octob.

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Rec.d 8 Oct

River Des Plaines
Sept. 18th 1836

Sir I have the honor to report to the Department that we have been busily engaged the past week in endeavoring to organize a party of Indians preparatory to emigrating to their new homes. we will leave this place on the 20th inst. with about three hundred for Shobany's Grove. about sixty miles West of this place where we will remain a few days & enroll from three to Six hundred more who have agreed to assemble at that place, not an Indian from Winscensin or Michigan have been seen since the payment of Annuities although I urged them in the Council more particularly to assemble knowing they were more opposed to emigrating than were those of the prairie

Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
Tho Kercheval
S. A. R. Psc

Genl. Geo Gibson
Comm. Genl. Subs.
Washington City

Emig Chicago 16.

G. Kercheval Esqr.
Shobanas Grove
Sepr. 27th 1836

Mentions the difficulty attending the transportation of the Indians with the limited allowance of wagons — that the Indians have but few horses, & many of them sick & unable to walk —

Has enrolled 300 in addition to the 300 enrolled at Des Plaines River — expects to enroll 100 at "Aw-sim-ne-aw"

24 Oct

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Shobana's Grove
Rec'd 24 Octr
Sept. 27. 1836

Sir

I have the honor to report to the Dept that we reached here on the 25th Inst. traveling over bad roads and having almost daily storms of rain consequently we found great difficulty in transporting the Indians with the scant allowance of waggons allowed by the Regulations. the Indians are very destitute of ~~[illegible]~~ horses and many of them sick and unable to walk –

We have enrolled upwards of three hundred Indians since our arrival here in addition to the three hundred enrolled at the Des Plaines River as mentioned in my last report, making in all upwards of six hundred. We will have here to-morrow for Ac-Sin-no-con. where we expect to be joined by a few more Indians perhaps one hundred more.

Respectfully
Yr Obt. Servt
Geo. Kirchival
Specl A. R. Postmaster

Genl. George Gibson
Comy. Genl. Subs.
Washington City

Emig Chicago 17

G. Kercheval Esqr
Wyoming Post Office
2d Oct 1836.

So many of the Indns are sick that they have been compelled to stop on the way &c

May not a sufficiency of wagons allowed them &c.

Oct 27

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Recd. 27 Oct. Wyoming Post Office
Oct 2d 1836

Sir

I have the honor to report that we reached here this morning with a large number of sick Indians, so large a number that we will be compelled to stop ~~one day~~ or two days, in order that the sick may recruit, and the whole party make such preparations for their journey, as may be absolutely necessary in order to render them comfortable.

I fear that I shall not be able to get them all across the country with the number of waggons now employed the necessity for employing more waggons arises from the unusual number of sick Indians with the party emigrating West: in addition to other causes which have retarded our progress we have had almost daily rains

Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Geo Kercheval
Spd A. Bend. Potowatomies

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comy Genl Subs.
Washington City

Emig. Chicago 138

R. A. McCabe
Blairsville, Penna
July 1st 1836

Acknowledging letter of 23d. Ultimo and accepting appt. of Conductor to the Chippewas, Ottowas & Potts. Inds

Ans. 11 July 1836
Rec. 11 July 1836

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Recd 11 July

Mauersville Penn.
July 7th 1836

Genl George Gibson
Commy Genl of Subs
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter of the 23 Ult. informing me that I have been appointed a conductor of Indians, to the Potawatomie Emigration; which appointment I accept and beg leave to tender you my sincere thanks, for this early communication on the subject.

I shall leave this for Chicago in three or four days from this date.

I have the honor to be
With sincere respect & esteem
Your obt. Servt.

Rd. W. Cobe
Condr. Inds

Emig. Chicago 103

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Rec'd 6 Jany

Senate Chamber

Jan 5 1836

Sir

The enclosed deposition I have been requested to have laid before you as additional evidence in support of the claim of John W Vanel for removing some Indians from Danville Illinois to St Louis some 2 or 3 years ago – Mr Vanel informs me his claim has never been fully paid and requests my attention to it – Therefore I have to ask of you how the case stands what, if any evidence is still wanting &c

Very Respectfully

John M Robinson

Genl Geo Gibson

Com Genl –

Rec'd 26 Jany

Chicago Illinois
1 January 1836

To General G. Gibson
C.G.S. U S Army
Washington

Sir.

I have the honor, to forward herewith a Journal of occurences, connected with an Emigrating party of the United Nation of Pottawatamies, Chippeways, & Ottawas, Conducted to the Platt River, Missouri, in the vicinity of their new Country. under my charge.

I have the honor, &c.
Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt U. S. Army.
Superint., & Disbg Agent

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Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Chicago Ill.
1 January 1836

Forwards a "Journal of occurrences, connected with an Emigrating Party of the United Potts. Chippeways and Ottowas, conducted to the Platte River in the vicinity of their New Country, under his Charge"

26 Jany. 1836

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Copy

See original attached to the Journal of occurrences on that file.

Chicago Illinois
1 January 1835

To General Geo. Gibson
C. G. S. U.S. Army.
Washington.

Sir

I have the honor, to forward herewith a journal of occurrences, connected with an Emigrating party of the United Nation of Potawatamies Chippeways and Ottawas, conducted to the Platte River, Missouri in the vicinity of their new Country under my Charge.

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
Your Most Obt. Servant
(Signd) J. B. F. Russell
Capt U.S. Army
Supt. & Disbg Agent

ing Chicago 105

Chicago, Ill,

2d January 1836

Capt. J.B.F. Russell

Supt. Potawat. Remov.

Muster roll enclosed in file

Forwarding a "Muster Roll" of a party of Emigrating Pottawatamies 53 - conducted from Chicago by him to the Platte River Mississippi.

States that a the parties joined they turned over their Jacks, of Kettles, &c. for transportation" - that some of them occasionally left to hunt, & that they did not reach the stopping place on in consequence - but will be to last of the month - Roll exhibits the no of 702 which actually joined & further states that, some 300 miles, different route, are moving to their new country &c. - all his efforts fail to organize them into parties - Suggests that they arrive, that Recg. Agt. enroll them

30 January 1836

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Recd 31 Jany

Chicago Illinois
January 2d 1837

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To
Genl G. Gibson
A. G. U. S. Army.
Washington.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a correct "Muster Roll" of an Emigrating party of Potawatamies, Chippeways and Ottawas, conducted from this place under my charge, to the Platte river Missouri, a copy of which, I handed over to the receiving Agent, Mr Davis.

I would state in explanation, that as each party joined us, they turned over their sacks of Kettles, Blankets, &c for Transportation, and that their loads were transported in the Teams all the way through, tho' some of them chose to leave us, occasionally, for the purpose of hunting, to collect skins for the approaching winter, and that they all did not reach the stopping place as soon as I did, in consequence - but are on their way, and will all probably be assembled by the last of this month.

This Muster Roll, exhibits the number of 712, which actually joined us, and were enrolled - but I am aware, and have already

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Communicated this to the Department, that over 500 more, are on their way to their new Country by different routes, who have not been enrolled, some from obstinacy, and others not having it in their power - their route having been so remote from the one which I took.

All my efforts were exerted to ~~speedily~~ enrol, and organise them in to parties, but was found impossible. Those residing near the Rock River, preferred descending that river in their Canoes, and those living to the South of this place, chose to take a more direct route than to assemble here, and follow our route - so that it was found impossible to organize all those in one party, who it will be found, have crossed the Mississippi river.

The only remedy will be, that as these ~~straglers join their~~ Head Chief, in the vicinity of their New Country, for the receiving agent to enter their names upon the Muster Roll.

I shall have the honor in a few days to suggest to the Department some alterations in the route, for future operations, as will remedy those this.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Svt
S.B.T. Russell
Capt U.S. Arms
Supt. Potawat Removal

g. Chicago 116 4

Capt. G. B. T. Russell
Chicago (Ill)
23 Jany 1836

Enclosing Col: Owen's
acct for payment, &
requesting, if approved,
that it may be returned

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Recd 11 February

Chicago Illinois,

January 23d 1836

Geo G Gibson
Co G.S Usday

Sir

There is now here a certain document an account presented to me by the widow of the late Cob Owen Superintendent & Special agent, for pay from the date of my last payment to him to the period of his death. if approved please return it and I will credit into my account

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Svt
J B F Russell
Capt Usday
Acg Superintt.

Emig Chicago ~~X~~ 108

Chicago, Ill,

13 January 1836

Capt S B T Russell
U S Army
Superintendent

Accompanying Quarterly
Statement of Agents
employed in the Removal
of Indians West — with
a request to forward "Blanks"

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Ans. Feby 9. 1836

Rec'd 8 feby

Chicago Ill

January 13th 1836

Genl G Gibson
C. G. S Wesern
Washington

Sir.

I have the honor of transmitting a quarterly Statement of Agents, employed in the Removal of an Emigrating party of Indians West.

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J B T Russell
Capt U.S. Army
Superintendent

I have to request that "Blank" forms of all kinds may be forwarded me, as I am entirely out.
J B T R.

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Emig ~~Chicago~~

Chicago (Illinois,

20th January 1836

Capt S.B.F. Russell
U.S. Army
Actg Superintendent

Accompanying a copy of a communication, addressed to the Secretary of War relative to a deputation of Potawatamies visiting Washington.

Recd 11th Feby H.

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Recd 11 Feby

Chicago Illinois
January 20th 1836

To
General G Gibson
Comp Genl Subs U S Army

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a communication that I have found necessary, to address thro' the Indian Bureau, to the Secretary of War,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt U S Arm
Supt Removal

Emig. Chicago ~~No. 6~~ 117

Chicago (Illinois)
26 January 1836

Capt. S B T Russell
U. S. Army
Supt. Removal

Suggestions relative to
an early & efficient measure
to raise an extensive
Emigrating Party of
Indians.

Rec'd 19th Feby 36

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Rec'd 14 Feby
and 25 Feby

Chicago Illinois,
January 26th 1836.

To
General J. Gibson
Comd. Genl. of Subs.
U.S. Army.

Sir.

I would respectfully suggest to the Department, that the operations for the Removal of the Emigrating Potawatamies, be commenced at an early period, in the Spring.

The route pursued by me, with the Emigrating party the last fall, was in consequence of the disaffection on the part of the Indians, to any other route, besides the season of the year, afforded good roads across the Prairies - but still this mode of removing them was tedious and expensive; lik the Spring of [illegible] almost impassable.

I would recommend that a Council of the principal Chiefs be held at this place, on about the 15th of April, when they should be informed of the time and place for assembling, & move over to their new County.

I should unhesitatingly recommend, that all the families and Luggage be assembled here, and marched to Ottawa 80 miles distant, from that place

take Steam Boats down the Illinois river, & Mississippi, and up the Missouri to any point where they should be directed to stop.

At the same time the families assemble, an other party consisting of the young men of the tribes, with all the Horses belonging to those moving West, should either pack their Horses with Subsistence for the party - or a few pack Horses be purchased for that purpose, and strike across the Country to Rock Island (Fort Armstrong) where they might renew their supplies, and from that point, take directly to any given point on the Missouri river, where they could be united with those who take the Steam Boat.

The Steam Boat port might take about fifteen days, and the land party about twenty - the grass will at that season of the year, be sufficient perhaps, for the Subsistence of the Horses.

Steam Boats can be obtained at St. Louis, and can be chartered, or Contracted for, to be at any point of the Illinois River at a certain day - and I think at about $8. to $12 per head.

Perhaps at the Council proposed above, the families might be required to assemble at the point of embarkation, at or near Ottawa - instead of assembling at this place.

I feel convinced, that the route above suggested will result in a more speedy removal and at the same time a more economical mode, than any other, at that season of the year.

With regard to the prospects of effecting an extensive removal in the spring - you will have the most correct information, by the result of the visit now made to the seat of Government by a deputation of Chiefs from this station - If the Chief Robinson says he will go, the rest of the Indians will readily join him, on the contrary should his visit to Washington not be productive of the result, of enlisting his feelings, it would be an up hill labor to get the Indians off in any way, or at any time. The knowledge of this fact, has induced me in my communication to the Secretary of War, to say, that our final success in getting off the remainder of the Indians from this section of Country, mainly depends on enlisting the aid, and feelings of those now on a visit to Washington. I should be pleased to hear from the Department on this subject, as well as relative to the suggestions I have taken the liberty of offering, as soon as it may be convenient, for many & early preperations will be required to produce an efficient and successful Spring Campaign.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Svt

J B F Russell - Superintendent

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Emig^n Chicago 112

Chicago, Ill,
15th Feb.y 1836

Capt J.B.F. Russell
Disbg Agt

Rec.d 7 March

Accompanied with
Quarterly Account of
Expenditures of an
Emigrating party of
Indians from Chicago

7 March

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 7th March

Ans'd 8 March

Chicago Illinois
February 15th 1836

To Genl G. Gibson
C.G. of Ord. U.S. Army

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith, my Accounts connected with the Expenditures of the Emigrating party of Potawatamies, which I had the direction of, from Chicago to Fort Leavenworth, Missouri,

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obdt Servt
A B F Russell,
Capt U.S. Army,
Disbg Agent

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Emig Chicago 113

Chicago (Illinois)
20 Feby 1836.

Capt S B T Russell
U S Army
Disby Agt &c

Blanks requested to be furnished.
Enclosing letter from Dept Buckheart, relative to Sick Indians &c

inclosure

10 March

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Recd. 10 Mch

Chicago, Ill, 20th Feby 1836

To
Genl. G Gibson
C.G. of S. Washing.

Sir:

My accounts, I have the honor of forwarding by the last mail - and have to request - that I may be furnished with a suitable number of Blanks; as I am entirely out.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obdt Svt
A.B.T. Russell
Capt U.S. Arm
Disbg Agt &c -

Enclosed herewith, is a letter from Doct Buckheart relative to a slabed & sick Indian - which had to be left on the road in Missouri, not being able to travel on with the Emigrating party - I would respectfully ask what course to pursue in regard to this subject.

Respectfully A.B.T. Russell
Supt. Removal

Chicago Illinois
23d Feby. 1836.

Capt J B F Russell
US Army
Disby Agt

relative to allegations
presented against me
by Capt Gordon

Enclosure "Chicago" 114

Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Chicago Illinois
23 Feby 1836

Rebutting the charges
preferred against him
by Captain McGordon.

12 March

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Rec'd. Willard Chicago Illinois
February 23rd 1836.

To Genl G Gibson
A. G of S. Rt S. Army.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst. enclosing allegations presented against me, by Capt W Gordon, to which, you ask my immediate attention, for the information of the Secretary of War.

My connection with Capt Gordon can be more fully seen in my communication to your office, under date of the 15th June last.

My feelings have been not a little shocked, after a period of twenty two years service, to find presented against me in such a manner, Charges that have not the least foundation either in fact, or appearance, they are of such a character as to portray fully the object and aim of their author.

I will endeavour in a brief manner to reply to some parts of them - the low vulgar abuse I shall lay aside for them to use, who are in the habit of it.

When the late Exploring party was about starting, and I was told by Colo Owen the late Superin-

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tendant, that Capt Gordon was to have the charge of the Party - I made my objections, and stated for a reason, that it was never understood by me and I believed the Department also - that I should be subjected to the direction of every Citizen - and further more that none but the legal superintendant could certify to my accounts, to be passed thro' the Treasury. I however stated explicitly to Capt Gordon, that no difficulty of that nature could be permitted to interfere with the public interest, I then consented to start with the party, as it had been organized by Colo Owen, but soon found that Capt Gordons interference with that understanding, and that of my appropriate duties, compelled me to leave the party, after a weeks association with it.

With regard to the employment of Colo L. G. Herchenal and the Packman, & the hire of the Waggon. I have to state that the former Gentleman was appointed and employed by Colo Owen the Superintendent, who reported the fact with the amount of his wages to you in his Official Return, now on file in your Office. This heavy and very serious charge must fall upon some other shoulders, than mine, as well as in relation to the hire of the Two Horse Waggon - for the Colonel & Superintendent sent the said Teamster (Wellmaker) to me, recommending his employment, and of course approved of it.

The hire of the packman, was at my instance, and he was appointed by the Superintendent, and the name & his wages officially returned to you by him.

In relation to the necessity of the services of the above persons, & the Team - to shield the memory of the late Superintendent - I will state, that the regulations required him to appoint such persons as were necessary and proper to conduct the Pack Horses, to pack and unpack the provisions, for the use of the Indians of the party, to issue them, to take charge of the Horses, as well when moving as when lying by, and other appropriate and necessary duties, too well known in a camp, to be here detailed.

The Superintendent approved of the hire of the Waggon, to carry our Tents, Mess Basket and other Articles usually the appendage of a party like this one, and what custom has ever sanctioned in like cases.

It is stated by Capt Gordon that ~~the~~ Kercheval was ostensibly hired as a Packman - I state positively he was appointed to have charge of all the Pack Horses, and Subsistence, and that he performed all the duties of a packman - he drove them, saddled and unsaddled them, and daily performed this service while with the party - and in this manner were the

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persons and the Horse Waggon turned over to Capt Gordon, by Lt Owen the Superintendent under his official sanction - tho' Capt Gordon talks about my having hired a Waggon without his authority, when the Waggon was in the public employ, some days, before he had any authority.

Capt Gordon states it was my practice to subsist the hands at Taverns along the road - in reply I have to state that Mr Kercheval & the other man did occasionally (like Capt Gordon) eat something at Houses along the road, for which it cost them about twenty five cents a meal.

With respect to covering what is termed "grog bill" in the public accounts, I have only to say it is not true - and I stated to all those employed, that they must pay that item themselves.

Capt Gordon states that he was informed that the persons employed in taking charge of the public Horses from Detroit to Chicago, procured signatures along the road, without stating the items or amount - this cannot allude to me, for I did not bring on the Horses from Detroit - Col Kerchevall had the assistance of one or two men who brought on about forty or fifty Horses, I paid off the men myself, and Colo Kercheval rendered an exact account of expenses, which I approved of, believing them to be

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correct –

I have thus Sir briefly given you my statement, and will only add, that I must have served in your Department (for the period of ten years) and after disbursing near half a Million of dollars in your Department, as well as in the Quartermasters, and Indian Departments, to very little credit to myself – now, to have my reputation sullied by such allegations.

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Most Obdt Svt
P. B. F. Russell
Capt U S Army
Disbg Agt 83

Chicago Illinois,
10th March 1836.

Capt J B F. Russell
U.S. Army
Agy Superintendent

Acknowledges communication of the 25 Feby

Emig - Chicago 115

Capt.
J. B. F. Russell
Chicago (Ill) Mar. 10th 1836

Acknowledges communication of 25th Feby - Is pleased that his suggestions relative to the removal of the Indians has met the approval of the Dept. - states the Indians on the frontier are peaceable, and await the return of the Deputation from Washington with anxiety.

28 March

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd. 28 Mont. Chicago March 10th 1836.

To

Genl G. Gibson
Comd. Genl of Subs.
U.S. Army.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th Ult. and am gratified in being apprised that my suggestions relative to an active and efficient removal of Indians from this quarter the approaching season have been so well received by the Department.

The Indians on this frontier are all perfectly peaceable, and await the return of the Deputation from Washington with great anxiety.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obdt Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt U.S. Army
Actg Supt.

Emig. Chicago 115½

Chicago Illinois
24 February 1836

Capt J B F Russell
U.S. Army
Disb. Agent

Acknowledging communication of the 9th Feby.

12 Apr. 1836

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd 12 March

Chicago February 24th 1856

To Genl G Gibson
C.G. of S U.S. Army.

Sir.

Your Communication of the 9th inst. I have the honor to acknowledge, accompanying Blank forms.

My accounts connected with the disbursements of the late Emigrating party under my charge have already been forwarded to Washington some days since.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
S B T Russell
Capt U.S. Army
Disb agent.

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Chicago
13. April 1836

Capt J B F Russell
U. S. Army

acknowledging receipt of an official letter of the 25th of March with the accompanying documents

Endg Chicago 118

Capt J. B F Russell
Chicago, 13 Apl. 1836

Acknowledging letter of 25 March with copies of Reports to Secy of War relative to the charges preferred against him by Captain Gordon, also of communication to Capt G. with Secy decision on the same.

30 April

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd. 30 April

Chicago 13th April 1836.

To
Genl. G. Gibson
C.G.S. U.S. Army

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th Ultimo with copies of your report to the Secy. of War in relation to charges preferred against me by Capt. W. Gordon, and your communication to Capt. Gordon on the same subject, with the decision of the Secy. of War.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obdt. Svt.
J. B. T. Russell
Capt. U.S. Army
Actg. Inspector Genl.

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Emig. Chicago 119

Capt. G. B. F. Russell

Chicago, Illinois,

1 May 1836

Forwarding Estimate of funds for the Remd. of a party of Ind.s from Chicago, & requests the amt. to be placed to his Credit in Town of the N. York Banks

13 May 1836

Chicago

1 May 1836.

Capt. Russell

Ind. Emig. Agent

Forwarding an Estimate for Funds -

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd. 13 May Ans. this day

Chicago 1st May 1836.

To
General G Gibson
U S Army.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith an Estimate of Funds required for the organization and transportation of an Emigrating party of Indians from this place to their new Country, on the Missouri River.

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of my being furnished with funds at an early period - as it is understood that a party of Indians are desirous of moving west as soon as the Grass is high enough to subsist their Horses.

I would particularly request that funds may be deposited to my credit in one of the New York City Banks, as it would enable me to negociate my drafts more easily.

My Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J B F Russell
Capt U S Army
Act Superintendent
Disby agent

on 15 Oct 1836 Capt
J B F Russell had
credit in Manhattan
Co N.Y. for $3,444
McC Young

Orig. Chicago

Chicago (Illinois)

28th May 1836.

Capt A B T Russell
Disbg Agt

Receipts letter of 3d May
enclosing instructions to G.
Kerchival Ind Agt.
Requesting to be relieved
from duties of Indian agent

14 June

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd. 14 June — answd. 15

Chicago, Ill, May 28th 1836.

General
G. Gibson
C. G. S. U.S. Army
Washington

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 3rd inst. enclosing a copy of instructions to Thos. Kercheval Esq. lately appointed Supt. of the Removal of Indians.

I was directed by the Secy. of War to perform the duties of Indian agent — and have accordingly as such, corresponded with the Indian Bureau. It may be necessary as Mr. Kercheval has been appointed superintendent — that he assumes also the duties of Indian agent.

My Respectfully
Your Obedt. Svt.
J. B. F. Russell
Capt. U.S. Army
Disbg. Agent

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Chicago 121

Capt. J. B. H. Russell

Chicago, Ill. 28 May '36

Acknowledges letter of 13th May informing him of a deposite of $30,000 in the Manhattan Bank, New York, to his credit. &c

inclosure

14 June

Chicago 28 May

Capt. J. B. H. Russell

Acknowledging receipt of communication dated 13 May

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 14 June

Chicago Ill,
28th May 1836.

To
General G Gibson
C.G.S. US Army

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th inst. informing me that a deposit of $50.000 would be made to my credit, in the Manhattan Bank in New York.

Every thing is perfectly quiet and peaceable along this frontier - and not the least excitement or feeling prevails among the Indians of this Agency -

As the deputation of Chiefs while at Washington were promised by you - that their annuity should be early sent on - I apprehend we may not succeed in organizing a party - as soon as I had expected - notwithstanding every exertion will be made to get the Indians off as soon as possible -

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
O B F Russell
Capt US Army
Disbg Agent

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Respectfully referred
for the information of
the Sec of war

Emigration Office

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read

Copy

Chicago, (Ill.)
28th May, 1836

To
Genl. G. Gibson
C. G. S. U. S. Army.

Sir—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th Inst. informing me that a deposite of $50,000 would be made to my credit in the Manhattan Bank in New York.

Every thing is perfectly quiet and peaceable along this frontier—and not the least excitement or feeling prevails among the Indians of this agency.

As the deputation of chiefs while at Washington were promised by you—that their annuity should be early sent on—I apprehend we may not succeed in organizing a party—as soon as I had expected—notwithstanding every exertion will be made to get the Indians off as soon as possible;

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt. Servt.
(Signed) J. B. F. Russell
Capt. U. S. Army
Disbg. Agent

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Memorandum of Settlement.

Capt. J. B. F. Russell,

Apr. 1836.

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Memorandum of the Settlement of the A/c. of Capt. W. F. Russell (exploring party of Pottawatamies) for disbursements made during the 3rd. qr. 1836.

Contingencies					
Incid. Expenses		Pay of Agents.		Total	
$48	"	$1.079	04	$1.127	04

To Balance due the U States pr. last A/c.	$1.404.54
By disbursements pr. Abstract	1.127.04
Balance due the U States $	277.50

W. Browne. clk.

Copy of payments
made or advanced to
attendants on the
Exploring Party

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"Copy of a Letter from Wm Gordon late Asst Agent to Colr J J R Owen late Superintendent.

Sir: "I hold the receipts of the following named Gentlemen who accompanied the late Exploring Expedition under my command - for the Amounts set down opposite their names respectively, on account of monies advanced by me on account of their Salaries and which you will be good enough to withhold subject to my order"

Revi Wm Holliday	$148.37
Pierre Le Clere	87.25
C H Beaubien	116.25
John W Whistler	66.08

Signed

Wm Gordon

Asst Agt Rent Indian

Emig - Chicago 122

Chicago 14 July 1836.

Capt J. B. F. Russell
U S Army
Disb Agent

To authorize me to pay attendants to the late Exploring Party of Indians -

Inclosure

Ans. 29. July 1836

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Recd. 28 July.

Chicago 14 July 1836.

To
Genl G Gibson
A. G. S. U. S. Army

Sir:

The following named Gentlemen viz Wm Holliday - Pierre Le Clerc, Charles H Beaubien and John H Whistler accompanied the late Exploring party of Potawatamies on their trip as attendants. They have repeatedly applied to me for the pay that is due them from the United States - they have now been waiting a year for it - will you authorize me to pay them subject to the following statement, which I herewith enclose -

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J B F Russell
Capt U. S. Army
Disbg Agt.

Emig Chicago 123

Chicago 16 July 1836.

Capt J. B. F. Russell
U.S. Army
Disby Agt

Acknowledge receipt
of Com Gen's communica-
tion of the 30 June —
Relates to prospects
of Emigration on the
payment of the Annuity
&c

Recd. 30th
Ans. 30. July 1836

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 30 Jul

Chicago 16th July 1836.

To
Genl G Gibson
Com Genl of Subs
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th of June - and respectfully to express my great satisfaction with its contents.

The Annuity will be paid to the Indians by the 1st of August - and immediately after, a party will be organized for Emigration - the utmost promptness will be used - Some Indians have requested to remain until they can gather in their Corn - which may require two parties this fall - Mr Kercheval will in this event, accompany the first - and leave me to organize and march off the second, or he will remain himself for the second party - We shall in all cases mutually consult the interest of the public service -

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J. B. T. Russell
Capt U.S. Army.
Disby Agt

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Entered Chicago 125

Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Chicago, Illinois,
10 Augt., 1836.

Receipts letter of 24 July, and encloses copy of a Commn. to Col. Owen from Capt. Wm. Gordon with an Offl. Acct. of advances made to the four Asstts that attended the Explg. Party of Potawatamies.

Owing to delay of the annuity the removal has been retarded — the Inds. assemble in the last of the Month, a party to be organized immediately.

Inclosure

Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Chicago Ills

Chicago 10 August 1836

Rec'd Chicago Aug 24

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Rec'd 24th Augt.
Ans 25th

Chicago 10th August 1836

To
Genl G Gibson
C.G.S. US Army

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th Ultio.

I herewith enclose a copy of a communication made to Colo Owen late Superintendant by Capt Wm Gordon late Asst-Agent - with an official account of advances made to those your Assistants that accompanied the Exploring Party of Pottawatamies.

Owing to the great delay in the Annuity not having yet reached here - our movements are much put back - The Indians are directed to assemble on the last of this month - and immediately after - a party will be organized and depart at once -

I have no doubt but the money to be paid to the Indians will be here about the 15th inst -

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J. B. T. Russell
Capt US Army
Disbg Agt

Emig. Chicago 126

Chicago 10th Sept 1836.

Capt. J. B. F. Russell
Desby Ark

Will shortly proceed west with from 500 to 1000. Potawatamies - The Ottowas & Chippewas are averse to removing &c.

In relation to the time of Emigration, prospects &c -

Rd & ans. 24th Sept.

Chicago 10th September 1836.

Genl G Gibson
U S Army

Sir.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Department, That the payment of the Annuity has been completed, and that Monday next has been appointed for the assembling of the Emigrating party, and in all that week, we shall be on our march West - We are certain that all the Pottawatamies of the Prairies will go with us; they number from five to ten hundred - The Ottawas of St Joseph County, and the Chippeways of Wisconsin, express some reluctance to moving - They have been told in the most express terms, that the Annuities in future would be paid across the Mississippi river.

It may be found necessary that either Mr Rucheval the Supt or myself, should not be absent long from this place, to effect the Emigration of a second party, should there be any prospect of effecting such an object.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt U.S. Army
Disbg Agt

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Emig Chicago 127

Capt J. B. F. Russell
Chicago, 17th Sept. 1836.

Sir, I procured wagons and subsistence and will immediately set out for the west with the Indian Emigration of about 1000 will be obtained before crossing the Mississippi

Commisary General of Subsistence
U.S. Army
Washington
D. C.

Oct. 3.

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Chicago Sept 17th 1836

To
Genl G Gibson
US Army

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that we have this day hired our Teams, provided Subsistence, and depart from here on our way west - with a fair prospect of mustering about One Thousand Indians by the time the party crosses the Mississippi River.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obdt Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt US Arm
Disbg Agt

Emig "Chicago" 28

Chicago
2d October 1836

Capt John B F Russell
US Army

Enclosing an Estimate
of an account current
will for his ass't and
vouchers as soon as
practicable.

Ans. 3d Nov.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 27 Oct

Chicago 2d October 1836.

To
Genl G Gibson
U.S. Army
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th Ulto. which I found on my return from the Emigrating party left in the charge of the Superintendant.

It will be impracticable for me wholly to comply with your instructions as directed in your communication until the disbursements are completed, connected with the Emigrating Party now on their way West.

I shall forward herewith an Estimate of an account current that will furnish the necessary information - and will forward my accounts - and vouchers as soon as possible -

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obdt Svt
J.B.F. Russell
Capt 1st Dragns
Disby Agt

Dr. *The* **United States,** *in Account current with* Capt John B F Russell U.S.A. *on account of the removal and subsistence of Indians, for the Quarter ending the* Thirtieth *day of* September 1836 **Cr.**

DATES.		DOLLARS.	CENTS.	Dates.		DOLLARS.	CENTS.
	To Amt of Vouchers, applicable to Abst. Subsist.	1432		31 Oct 1835	By Balance due per last acct	[illegible]	
	do Abst. Transportation	2053		14 May 1836	" Requisition No 7056.	50.000	
	do " Contingencies	2974				69.737	
	To Amt that will be expended and now in the disbursement of by Capt Hitchcock Superintendant on his way west with a large party of Emigrating Indians	23,000					
	To Amount of disbursements predicable on my starting a second party this fall	10,000					
		39.459					
	Balance due U.S.	30278					
		69737				69737	

I Certify that the above account of monies received and expended by me in the period above stated, is just and tr

J B F Russell
Capt US Army
Disbg Agent

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Memo. Settlement of
Capt. J. B. F. Russell's
Acct. for Disbursement
in Pot. Rem.
4 qr. 1836.

Ent. W.B.

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Memo. of the Settlement of the Acct of Captain J. B. T. Russell Disbg. Agt. Potawatamie Emigration 4th qr. 1836.

Subsistence		Transpn		Contingencies				Total	
				Pay to Agents		Incidental expenses			
$ 2499	34	7247	41	5,915	72	335	19	15,997	66.

Account Current

Balance due U. S. from old acct. $19.737=86.
Amt. Treasy Requisition No. 7056 .. 50,000=00 = $69,737=86.

Amt. Expend. pr. Abst. 15,997=66
Amt. of Vouchers disp'd: 1953.06 — 14,024.60

Balance due the U. S. . . . 55.713.26

T. W.
GKC

Orders from Genl Hurlbut
in regard to my return to
Chicago, to organize
a party at Ottawa

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Au Sable Ill. Sept 27. 1836

To Capt J. B. F. Russell
Disbursing Agent
Sir

Understanding that there are a number of Indians the most of them Ottawas who have been left behind and probably might be induced to emigrate you will therefore return towards Chicago and make an effort to organize them into a party and if the time will warrant it use exertions to join the party previous to our crossing the Mississippi river. Should you not succeed in this you will remain at Chicago in charge of Indian affairs until my return

Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
Geo Kercheval
Spl A. R. Pos
of Chicago

Chicago 3d October
1836.

Capt John B F Russell
US Army.

Encloses ——

Directions to return
to Chicago — to organize
a second party —

in closure

ans 3 Nov 1836

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 27 Oct.

Chicago 30 October 1836.

Genl G. Gibson
C. G. S. U. S. Army

Sir.

I have the honor to report that after moving off Eighty or Ninety Miles from Chicago with the Emigrating party of Pottawatamie Indians. Mr Chas. Kercheval the Superintendant received information that a party of Ottawa, ~~who~~ inclined to join the Emigrating party - which induced him to direct my return to this place for the purpose of endeavouring to organize a party and to overtake him if possible - and should I not succeed to remain here until his return in charge of Indian affairs.

I shall take the most prompt steps, in the execution of these orders - a copy of which I herewith have the honor to enclose

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obd't Svt
J. B. F. Russell
Capt U. S. Army
Disby Agt

61 Emig Chicago

John W. Vance
Vandalia, Ill.
19 Dec. 1853.

Relating to his claim for transportation, & requesting, if allowed, that it be paid to Senator Robinson or transmitted to him. Sends a receipt for fifty dollars.

1 January 1854

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Vandalia December 19th 1845

Re: Genl George Gibson
4 Jany Commissary Genl of Subsistence
Washington City

Sir

Yours of 17th October
With the copy of Mr Gordons letter giving his reasons why I ought not be paid Mr Gordon paid me for 16 days services of team as stated but how he drew the constitution that was to be in full of all services for said team I cant conjecture as it was all left unsettled for the return pay pay until Genl Clarks return which was looked for daily When Genl Clark returned I sent on my account to him for settlement ~~with the~~ together with a paper Mr Gordon handed the waggoner which paper would be a good voucher for my ~~claim~~ claim which amounts with the said paper warranted over to Mr Gordon by Genl Clark who had returned to St Louis which papers was all returned to me by Mr Gordon except the one he gave the waggoner which I suppose got Mislaid as being of no consequence to him but of some to me ~~so that settlement of my~~ amounts In regard to his additional enquiries in relation to my accompanying the guidons to St Louis, and the convictions to his mind resulting out of his enquiries I have nothing to say but when facts is disclosed will probably convince you sir that they are mostly without foundation as to me moving to go to St Louis to settle any business either than connected with the guidons as to provisions furnished by Genl Clarks request or found on

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in the road for which I paid out of my order was the only business that took me to St Louis but had Mr Gordon stated I had been there some time to settle the business growing out of that trip he would there have been doing me justice to me as I have and a Mr McGuire Clerk in Genl Clarks office told the general that he knew I done the business & ought to be paid, I would have probaly have had to went to St Louis for the purpose of settling my accounts but in my opinion I would not as the Governor formerly said before I started with them I think I ought have been paid by Genl Clark had there been no other business been connected with it or had Mr Gordon come from Chicago to Danville on his way to St Louis all this trouble & expense to me should have been saved to me Sir I can assure you that it was by the solitude and constant teasing of me pronouncing Every or any thing that I could have asked of them to be paid when they disbanded their money at Chicago as you will see by the deposition of Gillaherson which I have enclosed to Genl Roberson our senator should you think after having examined the evidence of my claim I am entitled to the allowance asked kindly pay it Genl Roberson or transmit it to me or should you think otherwise all I have left is to submit whether I think it just or not as I can live without it but better with it as I don't like to work without pay Respectfully

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Your obedient

George Gibson Servant John W. Vance

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Geo. George Gibson

N.B. I have with the transmit as requested a receipt for the fifty dollars transmitted to me for transportation yours respectfully
John W. Vance

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Danville Ills
December 12th

1872

Hon. John W. Vance
Vandalia
Illinois

State of Illinois,
County of Vermilion, } set. The Deposition of Samuel Makemson of the County and State aforesaid, a witness produced sworn and examined before Amos Williams, clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for the said County and State, on the fifth day of December, A.D. 1835. Question by John W. Vance

Was you present at several interviews that I had with the Indians, and what was the result of our conversations
Ans. I was present at different conversations between the said John W. Vance and the Indians —
Question by same, Did or did you not understand Wabanum & Nona say they could not go without I went with them
Ans. I did understand Wabanum to say that unless you went with them, they could not go
Question by same. Did you hear them ask me at St. Louis whether Government had agreed to pay me, as if Government would not, they were to draw on the Agent at Chicago for One Hundred Dollars, for my services —
Ans. I heard you tell Wabanum that you had no lean on him, that Government was to pay you, and when you went to leave them, Wabanum shook his head and said no, and would not tell you good bye
Question by same — Did you hear Gordon say he was not authorized to pay me but as soon as Governor Clark came he would pay me for my services
Ans. Yes —
Question by same. Did Vasser take any interest in the removal of the Indians; did I not buy all the provision and pay for it out of my own funds for them to start and their support on the Road

Ans. Vasser took no part in the removal of the Indians and you bought the provisions for the Indians, and paid for them.

Question by John W. Vance, Did or did not Vasser fare as other Indians — and had not he and his Indian wife a little Waggon for their own use —

Ans. Yes —

Question by same, When corn, bacon or flour was bought by said Vance, did or did not said Vasser and wife draw their part;

Ans. Yes. except when Vasser bought some corn to feed his horses

Question by same: When did Vasser's party from Iroquois join us and how many was there of them —

Ans. they joined us on the west side of the Osage about twenty in number

Question by same. Did you see Vasser show his papers to Gordon; and what was his reply

Ans. I did see Vasser show his papers to Gordon and Gordon told him that he would have to look to the man that gave him his papers for his pay, that he was not authorized to pay him: and Gordon further stated to Vasser that the man that gave said Vasser his papers was not at all concerned in the removal of the Indians

Question by same: What did Gordon tell you when you left him at St Louis

Ans. He told me that Mr Vance would get his pay as soon as Governor Clark returned.

Samuel Mahemson

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State of Illinois,
County of Vermilion, } ss. I Amos Williams Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing deposition of Samuel Makemson was sworn to and subscribed before me on the 5th day of December, A.D. 1835,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at my Office in Danville, this 5th day of December A.D. 1835

A. Williams Clerk

Danville, Ill
March 5. 1836

Hon

Lewis Cass

Secretary of War

Washington

Letter

Relative to a claim

for services

Refugees

Indian Expedition

1831 March

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John N. Vance

Danville, Ill

3 March 1836

Relative to his claim for services in the removal of a party of P.W.G from Danville Ill. to St. Louis.

17 March

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17 March

Danville Illinois March the 9th 1846

Hon
Lewis Cass Secretary of War
Sir.

Having superintended the removall of the pottawattamy Indians from Danville to St Louis at the request of said Indians who was to pay me up the Government ~~did or~~ would not I undertook and performed & delivered them over to Mr Gordon some time in July & settled with him as agent ~~for~~ the removall of the Pottawattamies of Illinois who told me that as soon as General Clark returned I would get paid for my services & return pay for my time thereupon I ~~explained~~ exonerated the Indians of the claim I had ~~of~~ them, when Genl Clark returned I submitted my claims & had them allowed and paid. but owing to some Mistake on the when Mr Gordon returned he countermanded the orders & I paid back the money why the orders was countermanded by Gordon I am at a loss to say as he took all the papers before he started with the Indians that Verren had that gave him the right to receive the money for my services. Sir would you take the trouble to call at Genl Gibrons office and examine my papers on the subject and have my claims paid I shall be glad as it is my just due. But should you determine that it ought not be paid me I can console myself by the old adage of one good turn deserves another I kept them from starving through the winter I ought to remove them at my own expence

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Emig. Chicago

I should be glad if it was not out of your duty you would have my accounts settled. I always find the shortest way to go to the heads of departments to get justice done you. I refer you to letters from Illinois as to the correctness of my claim as I have in a letter to him referred to yourself

Your obedient & humble servant

John W. Vance

The Hon
Lewis Cass Secretary
at War